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£500 REWARD ON OFFER TO CATCH THIEVES IN BARRY

Vic Hopkins & Son targeted by gang of late night raiders

by TIM CHAPMAN

ONE of Barry's best known businesses has offered a £500 reward to anyone who supplies information leading to the conviction of the people responsible for a late break-in.

On Sunday night, the butchers Vic Hopkins and Son in the High Street were the target of burglars.

Owner Tony Hopkins told The GEM: "It is very disappointing to arrive at work on a Monday morning and find that you've been broken into."

"Chris, the assistant manager, rang me at 7am to tell me what had happened."

"The police reacted very quickly - a police officer was at the shop within 20 minutes, and 'scenes of crime' were there within an hour."

The burglars had broken into the premises by scaling the alley gates and a back wall. They had then managed to cut through the steel gate inside the back door.

Tony believes it is the same people who had been thwarted during an attempted break-in earlier

in the month.

"On June 5, someone tried to smash in the back door, but failed to get in - obviously they came back. Even the police were shocked they had managed to get through the steel gate. Now we're taking even more security precautions including not having takings on the premises overnight."

The burglars got away with the safe containing a week's takings, and ransacked the office, during which they took a crowbar to the filing cabinet, and broke equipment such as vacuum packing machines.

What was particularly upsetting for the Hopkins family was that there were items of sentimental value in the safe, such as ration books and old fashioned coins.

Tony added: "Once, the 'scenes of crime' personnel had gone, we were able to resume the working day, but something like this causes a business a lot of disruption."

"We're offering a £500 reward to anyone who gives the necessary information which leads to a conviction of those



ABOVE: Tony Hopkins carrying out repairs to the shop the day after the burglary. A reward is now on offer to anyone with information that leads to the conviction of those responsible and recovery of what was stolen.

responsible and the recovery of what was taken."

Vic Hopkins & Sons has operated on High Street for almost 40 years.

A police spokesman said: "We are appealing for information or witnesses with regard to this incident."

"If anyone has any information concerning this offence they should contact Detective Inspector Huw Thomas at Barry CID on 01446 731606, or phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Deaths mystery

POLICE are investigating the suspicious death of a 40-year-old woman who was found dead at an address in Bishopswood, Brackla, Bridgend, on Tuesday evening (June 16).

As a result of further enquiries, at 1.40am on Wednesday, June 17, officers went to Heol Gadlys, Litchard, also in Bridgend, where the body of a middle-aged man was found.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "HM Coroner has been informed, and the bodies have not yet been formally identified."

"Enquiries are continuing."

Welsh learner shrugs off mystery illness to scoop a major award

A local woman who suffers from a series of disabilities caused by a neurological illness, has won the Inspire Adult Welsh Learner of the Year Award.

Barbara Scourfield (55) of The Mount, Dinas Powys, attended a ground-breaking new Welsh learning course at the Welsh Language Centre in Cardiff.

She received her award from Niae Dysgu Cymru at a ceremony staged in Bangor. The presentations were made by TV presenter Sara Edwards and former Welsh international track and rugby star, Nigel Walker.

Barbara, who was a lecturer in English and communications at Glan Hafren College in St Mellons, has had to give up work since suffering a mystery illness some years ago, which left her with weakness along the left side of the body, similar to a stroke. She also suffers from migraines.

Her husband, Paul, said that doctors had been unable to find out exactly what is wrong, but Barbara had decided to get on with her life and take up Welsh.

"It has been a struggle because she has difficulties with her speech, but she has found that speaking Welsh has helped her articulate, as it is a complicated language to speak," he said.

The couple have a daughter Sarah. Barbara was nominated for her prize by Anna Tiplady of the Welsh Language Centre, who commented: "Welsh is generally considered a difficult second language to learn and rising to the challenge is an accomplishment in itself - but doing so in the face of wide-ranging disabilities makes Barbara a source of inspiration for others."



ABOVE: Barbara's triumph has been described by the Welsh Language Centre as: "A source of inspiration for others."

Biomass dock plant decision is due today

A Vale of Glamorgan planning committee is due to make a decision today (Thursday, June 18) on whether a scheme to allow an energy plant to be built at Barry Docks should get the green light.

Yesterday afternoon Vale councillors visited the proposed site for the plant at Woodham Road.

Sunrise Renewables says that its renewable energy would supply local homes and businesses, and the national grid.

But the plans have come under attack from local residents, who have started a petition against it and claim it could cause noise and pollution.

For more on why Sunrise Renewables say the docks are an ideal location for such a plant, and why some local politicians have their doubts, please turn to page 18.

Man is charged on park assault

A local man has appeared before magistrates in Barry on three charges relating to an allegation of assault in Gladstone Park on Sunday.

Clive Lee Lewis, aged 47, is accused of indecently assaulting a child under the age of 13, causing a child to watch a sexual act, and inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

He has been remanded in custody and will appear before Cardiff Crown Court on June 23.

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Band Prom
Orchestra of Welsh National Opera
Wednesday 22 July at 7.30pm
The evening will be hosted by Honor Blackman who famously played Pussycat in Goldfinger. Carl Davis has a license to thrill as he and the Orchestra lead you through the hit James Bond films from the original Dr No theme through to Casino Royale via Goldfinger, From Russia With Love, and many other Bond Classics.

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Proving how kind young people are

MY sons, who are very protective of me, have asked me not to get the rubbish ready for collection.

But it is very hard to accept that we are too old to do these things now. So yesterday (June 11), I started sorting the garden recycling. Sure enough, down I went. Luckily for me, I fell on the green bag which was full of grass.

But once down, I am unable to get up without help.

I managed to get in a sitting position, then tried to draw attention to myself by yelling 'help' quite loudly.

After a short while, some young lads aged about 12, were passing and heard me. They came up the path to help.

I asked them if they would go next door to get my neighbours, as I thought they were too young to lift me.

They were on their way next door, when a young lady going past saw me on the path and rushed to help, putting one arm around my back, the other under my arm, while I pulled on the fence with my right arm.

I was soon on my feet, very happy, if a little shaky.

I did thank these young lads and young lady, but I am so grateful and I wanted others to know just how kind young people are.

Needless to say, I will not be getting the recycling sorted anymore; I have promised my sons! Mrs M Knight, Barry

Pupils' great efforts during charity walk

ON behalf of Christian Aid, can I thank the pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who turned out in such good numbers to support the school's second annual charity walk in support of Christian Aid?

This year, the pupils walked from the school to Llancarfan Church (on Saturday, May 11) and raised £1,567.18.

A big thanks also to the staff and parents who acted as marshals and first aiders, and also to The GEM for featuring the pupils' efforts a few weeks back! Well done everyone - we doubled what we raised last year!

Glyn Austin (RS teacher, Cowbridge School)

On the subject of expenses...

WITH the media brimming over with accounts of Members of Parliament and their expenses, I humbly offer three quotes for their consideration:

Gladstone: "Nothing that is morally wrong can be politically right."

Voltaire: "No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible."

Emerson: "The louder he talked of his honour, the faster we counted the spoons."

Need any more be said?

Christopher Pickering, Barry

See more letters on page 6

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WARNING TO LLANTWIT AFTER RHOOSE'S LOSS OF INDEPENDENT VOICE

'Look before you leap into the Vale'

IHAVE read with interest the recent letters concerning Llantwit Town Council and its potential demise, particularly that of B Davies who suggested "perhaps we should emulate Rhosee and remove one of the many tiers of representation we have to pay for." (The GEM, May 28).

As a resident of Rhosee before, during and after the existence of Rhosee Community Council, I urge the citizens of Llantwit Major to 'look before you leap'.

Rhosee gave up some £100,000 in assets to the Vale Council and, just as importantly, lost its independent voice.

Rhosee Community Council

fought successfully for many years against substantially enlarging the village with new build.

After its demise, Rhosee Point was built and the promises of a new school were quickly forgotten.

Rhosee Community Council's ambitious plans to improve facilities for the youth of the village were never taken up by the Vale and recently, The GEM has contained letters of complaint about teenagers hanging about and an increase in vandalism and graffiti etc in the village.

Porthkerry Cemetery, which was beautifully maintained by a part-time handyman under Rhosee Community Council, is now untidy and poorly maintained.

You only have to look at Wenvoe, which retains its community council to see how new

build has been restrained.

There is a sense of community and pride in the village. Open spaces and plays areas are beautifully maintained. The community council in Wenvoe is currently campaigning against dualling Port Road for airport access, and no doubt will be successful.

I personally believe party politics should not have a role at community and town council level. Candidates should stand as independents and the objectives and concerns of the community itself should have priority, not petty political arguments and party loyalty.

Citizens of Llantwit, by all means get rid of the councillors but retain the council. Organise yourselves and stand as independents, to serve and protect your community. 'Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.' Mrs Carol Goodway, Barry

BNP says it does not deny Nazi Holocaust happened

IREFER to various letters in The GEM on June 11, concerning the British National Party.

Rob Curtis once again resorts to innuendo and outright untruths to smear the BNP.

I would point out that the BNP does not deny the Holocaust, and recognises the suffering of the Jewish people at the hands of the evil Nazi regime.

The BNP is not anti-semitic and indeed has Jewish members.

Instead of self-righteously condemning the BNP, Mr Curtis should perhaps take time to reflect upon the 179 British service personnel, and the thousands of Iraqi civilians, killed as a result of his own party's illegal war.

In response to Dahlian Kirby and Andy Clarke, I would say that no rational person, and certainly not the BNP, thinks ill of anyone based solely on their

race or ethnicity.

Every individual, whatever their origins, is entitled to dignity and respect.

Regarding immigration policies, the BNP believes that all illegal immigrants and foreign criminals should be deported from Britain.

However, all law abiding, legally settled immigrants have the same residence rights and responsibilities as any other citizen.

The voluntary repatriation scheme referred to by Mr Clarke was not invented by the BNP.

It was introduced by the Heath government in 1971, and has been used by successive governments since.

The immigration issue is not about individuals. It is about numbers. Uncontrolled immigration has become colonisation, resulting in the displacement of the native population from large areas of many cities and towns, to the extent that many British people now feel they are strangers in

their own land.

This is as unacceptable in Britain as it would be elsewhere in the world. I am quite sure that the people of Islamabad, Delhi or Warsaw would not tolerate such a situation for a minute.

The BNP stands for a British nation whose identity is based overwhelmingly on the indigenous cultures of

the British Isles.

For our nation to survive, there needs to be an end to mass immigration and to the large scale importation of alien cultures, which can only undermine our sense of national identity, and the social cohesion which has sustained our nation throughout its history. Laurence Reid, Singingstone

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 25)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	02.47	12.3	15.14	12.3
19 Fri	03.54	12.6	16.26	12.7
20 Sat	05.02	13.0	17.28	13.5
21 Sun	06.01	13.7	18.25	13.9
22 Mon	06.59	14.0	19.22	14.3
23 Tues	07.52	14.3	20.16	14.8
24 Wed	08.49	14.7	21.10	14.8
25 Thur	09.44	14.8	22.02	14.9

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To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

Citizens Advice: At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Office opening times vary throughout the week. Telephone 0845 120 3756 between 10am and noon for details. Further information on www.adviceguide.org.uk

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Vale Council comes to the rescue as... NATURE RESERVE VOLUNTEERS FACE AN 'EPIDEMIC' OF GRAFFITI

VOLUNTEERS who work at a Barry nature reserve have been left frustrated by an "epidemic" of graffiti, and have turned to the Vale Council for help to rectify damage to community facilities.

The Cwmaltwlg Local Nature Reserve aims to protect wildlife and is a

popular location for community and school visits, but vandals have left volunteer workers frustrated.

A spokeswoman explained: "There has been an epidemic of graffiti in recent months over the notice boards, seats and, worst of all, over the mural on the football changing rooms.

"We can remove the graffiti from the perspex of the notice boards with

a chemical, but found it impossible to remove the mess from the mural.

"The mural was painted four years ago by an artist, along with group members."

Nature reserve volunteers believe the people responsible for the graffiti on the mural have used extra strong paint, as the marks were impossible to remove.

The group decided to approach the Vale

Council to see whether they could help.

The spokeswoman explained: "We were put in touch with the visible services department, which deals with problems such as graffiti and fly-tipping, and the council arranged for the youth offending team to paint over the changing rooms.

"This was done very promptly with dark green paint and we would like to thank council officers Phil Beaman and Denise White for their help, and the young people and their leader for carrying out the work."

Local benches have also been spruced up, and volunteers now hope the graffiti craze will die away.

The spokeswoman stressed that despite the distraction of the graffiti, the core aim of the proj-

ect, the protection of wildlife on the site, continued to be a success.

Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing, said: "The council's visible services department was pleased to be able to assist the Cwmaltwlg Nature Reserve volunteers by organising the removal of the graffiti from their football changing room."

He added: "The work was carried out in partnership with the council's youth offending team's 'Visible Crew' and waste management and cleansing enforcement team, and is a clear example of how antisocial crimes such as graffiti can be addressed to improve the local environmental quality for the local community."

ASBO FOR BARRY SCHOOLBOY (13)

A 13-YEAR-OLD schoolboy from Barry has been given a two-year Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) after "persistently harassing members of the public in the Barry area".

The ASBO prohibits Kyle Solowyk from:

- Throwing objects of any type in a public place that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress within the Vale of Glamorgan.

Further he is prohibited from inciting, encouraging or assisting another to do so.

● Engaging in any



ABOVE:
Kyle Solowyk.

activity that causes or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person within the Vale of Glamorgan, or encourage, assist another to do so.

Coun Paul Church, Chairman of the Safer Vale Partnership said: "This positive action in

securing the two-year ASBO demonstrates the Safer Partnership is tackling anti-social behaviour within our communities and is getting tough on those who display this type of behaviour."

Vale of Glamorgan Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator, PC Mike Hawkes said: "If Solowyk breaches this order, he will be arrested and placed before the courts."

"I urge the public and local residents to contact the police if they see him in breach of any of the conditions of his ASBO."

"The community's help in letting us know when or if these orders are broken is vital to their success."

Did you witness an assault in Penarth?

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a serious assault on a teenager in Penarth earlier this month.

The attack took place on Redlands Road, near the junction with Mountjoy Avenue, at around 6.10pm on Tuesday, June 2.

A 19-year-old man

from the Penarth area was attacked by another man, and received an injury to his face which required hospital treatment.

A police spokesman told The GEM: "Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or may have

seen two men at or near the location around 6.10pm on June 2 is asked to contact

Detective Constable Dave Rich at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

Police warning about car thefts

A spate of 11 thefts from cars in Barry has prompted a warning to drivers not to leave their vehicles unlocked.

Barry Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies said: "There has been a marked increase in thefts from motor cars recently. All too often, motorists have left personal belongings visible in

their cars when they have left them parked and unattended.

"In the past 10 days there have been 11 thefts from insecurely parked cars in Barry, where a range of personal possessions have been stolen."

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SWIEET reward for seven Vale learners at the Barry College

SEVEN Vale learners on Barry College's 14-19 Learning Pathways initiative have each won an award and a cheque for £85 each for showing excellence in engineering.

The winners were: Natasha Beechey from Llantwit Major Comprehensive, Jack Burgess from St Cyres Comprehensive, Kayleigh Dyke from St Richard Gwyn Comprehensive, Sebastian Pelter from Stanwell Comprehensive, Eleanor Pugh from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Reuben Tucker from Cowbridge Comprehensive and Rhys West from Barry

Comprehensive. Each received a certificate and a cheque for £100 from the South Wales Institute of Engineers Educational Trust (SWIEET) 2008.

The funded Trust aims to support young people studying, entering and practising engineering in Wales. Vale of Glamorgan 14-19 Learning Pathways Co-ordinator John Wilkins said: "SWIEET is a trust set up to award young people who are pursuing or are interested in a course in engineering. Last year, three youngsters at Barry College received awards – but this year we have gone four better."

SWIEET past president Daniel Brennan told the young learners: "You are the future."



Six of the young Engineering learners at the presentation with left to right, Barry College principal Paul Halstead, SWIEET past president Daniel Brennan and Vale 14-19 Learning Pathways co-ordinator John Wilkins.

Engineering is a very broad subject with huge career opportunities. It is great to see good work between schools and colleges in encouraging

these learners into these great careers."

The 14-19 Learning Pathways initiative is a collaborative partnership between Vale schools

and Barry College. It gives an opportunity to study vocational courses and gain industry-recognised qualifications alongside their GCSEs.

'Bryneithin must continue to provide its high quality care'

VALE constituency Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, has welcomed a "positive" social services report on a local care home, which has undergone a 12-week consultation into its future.

At a public meeting last week, Ms Hutt congratulated the Keep Bryneithin Open Group on their campaign and added:

"It is welcome news that the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales has given such a good report as a result of their inspection of Bryneithin."

"It is also encouraging to hear that money is being spent on the kitchens and that there are 16 residents, including respitees, currently at Bryneithin."

"I am writing to the Vale Council again to urge them to take on board the response to the consultation, and to recognise that the need for elderly mentally infirm services demonstrates the important role Bryneithin plays in the provision of our social services."

She added: "I will also be stressing the importance of the link between

the Crossroads Day Centre and the Bryneithin Home to provide a seamless progression of services for this vulnerable group of people."

"I believe there is a way forward to retain and improve these services at Bryneithin which can be cost effective and continue to provide the high quality of care the residents enjoy."

The 'Keep Bryneithin Open Group' says that it will seek a judicial review if the Vale Council decides to close the home.

The Vale Council has informed The GEM that the consultation process has not been into the "closure" of the home, but into its future, adding:

"Our legal advisors have been involved from the beginning, to make sure that due process was followed and we are confident this is the case."

Soroptimists' £2,000 donation

ON a recent summer's evening, the marquee in Dyffryn Gardens was the venue for an extremely successful fundraising event organised by members of Soroptimist International Barry and District.

During an evening of music and song, guests were entertained by harpist Sue Banks and a programme of popular songs and operatic arias performed by 'Diva Delight', an extremely talented trio of young opera singers.

President Iris Hopkins will present the £2,000 proceeds to ValePlus, an organisation that provides educational, social and vocational opportunities for people with learning and related difficulties and to the Dyffryn Restoration Fund.

She expressed special thanks to the Vale Council for the use of the marquee, her club members for all their work in organising the evening, including preparing the excellent buffet, to everyone who donated raffle prizes – and to the guests who supported the event – all of which contributed to a successful and enjoyable evening.

To find out more about Soroptimism visit www.soroptimist-gbi.org.



Club president Iris with 'Diva Delight', their accompanist and members of SI Barry and District.

Medical research at Everest base camp

RHOOSE WI members enjoyed a most enlightening talk from Ron Powell on June 4.

President, Ann Harris, quickly dealt with the business part of the meeting, so we could sit back and absorb the details of the Extreme Everest

Medical Research Expedition, of which Ron Powell was an enthusiastic member.

The 200 odd volunteers to climbed up to Base Camp, to study the way some climbers could cope better than others with the lack of oxygen.

Medical examinations ensured that all participating were fit enough to do the arduous climb. The spectacular scenery which met their eyes at

every turn was offset by the frequent tests they had to undergo. The many slides

Five stops had been arranged, varying from overnight to two or three days.

Every morning they all had to fill in personal diaries needed for lengthy cross-referencing to be studied after the expedition.

Sunhats were the order of the day as the sun could be very intense, despite the nights registering down to minus 18 degrees.

The business part of the meeting confirmed that the new name for our five local institutes is 'The Heritage Link', which members had unanimously voted for.

A social evening has been arranged by the 'Link' Committee on September 15, in St Athans.

On July 9, there is a garden walk to enable members to see gardens of other members and enjoy the company of like minded women.

All were urged to participate in a car-boot sale on July 18, in the Community Hall grounds.

Elsa won the competition with a beautiful yellow rose and Linda came second with her single silver metal rose. The raffle was won by Alviera Mephram.

The next meeting on July 2, will have a competition theme of an iris.

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BARRY MALE VOICE CHOIR FLOWERS IN SCOTLAND!



THE recent visit to Scotland by the Barry Male Voice Choir was voted an unequalled success.

The choir's first visit to Scotland was particularly timely as it allowed conductor Dorothy Connell, an Ayrshire lass, to return to her homeland during the official year of the Scottish homecoming, during which Scottish emigrants from across the world are encouraged to return to Scotland.

The weather, which varied between rain, mist and low cloud, reduced the scenic splendours of Scotland to blurred outlines. In spite of this, the party mood remained buoyant and happy.

The choir performed at Crieff and Stirling. On both occasions Douglas Baxter, choir president and compere informed the audiences that the concerts would be dedicated to the memory of former chorister Dennis Blake, who until his recent sad death, was the longest serving member of the choir (60 years).

The Crieff concert given in aid

of the local community hospital and parish church, featured local soloist Elizabeth Boyd. The audience included former chorister Jack Baker, now living in Crieff and Susan Burgess, formerly of Barry, now employed by the Scottish National Trust. She had driven more than 100 miles to attend.

The medieval church of Holy Rude was the magnificent venue of the Stirling concert given in aid of the church funds. The church alongside Stirling Castle possessed a strong sense of atmosphere. It was here that James VI of Scotland later to become James I of England, was crowned in 1567.

The church organ is the largest romantic organ in Scotland and the concert included a recital by resident organist Ian Boulter.

Conductor Dorothy Connell can be justifiably proud of the choir's response to her masterly control and the resultant sensitive rendition of songs, some with strong Welsh and Scottish flavours. Her arrangement of *Flower of Scotland*, with percus-

sion accompaniment provided by Clarence Nugent, added to that provided by the choir's talented accompanist Emma Arcsott, was particularly well received by the large audience.

The concert ended with a presentation of gifts. Don Surridge, chairman of the Barry Male Voice Choir, presented the former Provost of Sterling, Bailie Colin O'Brien with a cut glass Welsh Dragon on behalf of the choir and a Photographic Collection of the Vale of Glamorgan on behalf of the Mayor of the Vale, Audrey Preston.

Bailie O'Brien responded by thanking "the wee lassie from Ayr" for bringing her choir to Scotland in the year of the homecoming and presented the choir with a copy of the Stirling coat of arms.

The choir party, having enjoyed themselves immensely, returned home happy in the knowledge that they had fulfilled their ambassadorial duties with aplomb – and can look forward to the future with welcome optimism.

JRD

Poppy appeal award for Penarth's Sergeant Ryan

The Royal British Legion in south-east Wales recently held the Lord Lieutenant's Poppy Appeal Cadet awards at Pencoed Social Club.

Sergeant Ryan Matthews of Penarth Army Cadet Force was awarded the chief fire officer, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service award for individual endeavour.

This award was for the cadet who had raised the most money for the Poppy appeal in November 2008.



ABOVE: Sergeant Ryan receives his award for individual endeavour.

D-Day recalled in anniversary

IN spite of heavy rain on Saturday, June 6, the Royal British Legion's Barry branch, held a short ceremony at the Cenotaph Barry Memorial Hall to commemorate the

65th Anniversary of D-Day.

Wreaths were laid by the RBL and other organisations at the Cenotaph.

Mr John Hobbs, the chairman of Barry Branch RBL, paid tribute to all who lost their lives during the Normandy Landings: "AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM".

LEFT: The cenotaph outside the Memorial Hall in Barry.



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Aloo Keema Chops	£2.95
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Chef's Special Masala	£5.95
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Chicken or Lamb Tikka Kurzi	£6.95
Our chef's recommendation, A spicy dish of tender lamb or chicken marinated in yoghurt, served with green salad.	
Anar Koli Bahar	£5.95
Chicken cooked in specially made sauce of tomatoes, oriental spices and butter.	
Murgh Makani	£5.95
Mild, Prawn cooked with a touch of tender spices with a special mild sauce.	
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Mild dish, Pieces of lamb marinated in yoghurt, cooked in pure Ghee and spiced with green herbs, roasted Gram Masala, garnished with roasted almonds.	
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Achaari Chicken or Lamb	£5.95
With coriander and selected spices cooked in a unique mixed pickle sauce.	
Butter Chicken or Lamb	£5.95
Marinated chicken cooked with sugar, coconut, almond powder, fresh cream and butter.	
Sabzi Goost	£5.95
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Tandoori King Prawn Biryani	£9.95
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Chilli Massala Dishes

Massala based sauce with fresh green chilli & coriander, slightly hot

Chicken or Lamb Tikka Chilli Massala	£5.95
King Prawn Chilli Massala	£7.95
Tandoori King Prawn Chilli Massala	£8.95
Vegetable Chilli Massala	£3.95

Balti Dishes

Cooked with fresh herbs, garlic, ginger, coriander, coconut cream and fresh spices. Prepared medium or hotter if required

Chicken, Lamb or Prawn Balti	£4.95
Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Balti	£5.95
King Prawn Balti	£7.95
Tandoori King Prawn Balti	£8.95
King Prawn Balti Special	£9.95
Vegetable Balti	£3.95

Korai Dishes

Cooked with special blended herbs & spices, tomato, onion, green peppers, fresh garlic, ginger with coriander, medium hot

Chicken, Lamb or Prawn Korai	£4.95
Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Korai	£5.95
King Prawn Korai	£7.95
Tandoori King Prawn Korai	£8.95
Vegetable Korai	£3.95

Traditional Curry Dishes

Choose from chicken, lamb or prawns

Chicken Tikka extra £1 - King Prawns extra £3	
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Bhuna	£4.50
Saag	£4.50
Dansak	£4.50
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Jalfrezi	£4.50
Dopiaza	£4.50

Set Menu

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Set Meal for Two	£18.95
2 Popadoms, Onion Bhaji, Samosa, Meat Rogan, Chicken Chilli Massala, Mushroom Bhajee, Aloo Gobi, Pilau Rice & Nan.	
Vegetarian Set Meal for Two	£16.95
2 Popadoms, Vegetable Samosa, Onion Bhaji, Vegetable Biryani, Vegetable Dansak, Tarka Dali, Bombay Aloo, Rice & Stuffed Nan.	
Deluxe Meal for Two	£22.95
2 Popadoms, Onion Bhaji, Chicken Tikka Makani, Lamb Begum, Niramish, Mushroom Bhaji, Pilau Rice, Preeti Special Rice & Keema Nan.	
Preeti Special Meal for Two	£24.95
(Except King Prawns)	
2 Popadoms, 2 Starter, 2 Main Dishes, 2 Side Dishes, 2 Rice or Nan Bread.	

Vegetarian Side Dishes

Bombay Aloo	£1.95
Saag Aloo or Saag Bhaji	£1.95
Tarka Dali	£1.95
Saag Paneer or Mattor Paneer	£2.25
Mushroom Bhaji	£1.95
Bindi Bhaji	£1.95
Cauliflower Bhaji	£1.95
Aloo Gobi	£1.95
Preeti Special Bhaji	£2.50
Chana Masala	£2.25
Green Salad	£1.25

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Mushroom Omelette & Chips	£3.95
Preeti Special Omelette & Chips	£5.95

Rice, Nan & Sundries

Plain Rice	£1.50
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Keema Nan (with minced meat)	£1.80
Cheese Nan (with cheese)	£1.80
Preeti Special Nan (with garlic, chilli & coriander)	£1.80
Stuffed Nan (with vegetables)	£1.60
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Why wasn't the Queen invited?

A ONCE great nation has been profoundly shamed by weak, enfeebled Ministers and more distressingly by the French premier.

I watched the commemoration services taking place across those hallowed grounds in France where once brave men and women fought and died with courage and belief in the righteousness of their cause; for Queen and country, democracy and freedom.

Freedom for all of those oppressed people of Europe who had suffered under the jack boot of fascism. In many cases, they stood alone, fought their fear and did their duty.

It is only through their great efforts and sacrifices that today we are able to build a strong and united Europe.

What I saw caused me embarrassment and shamed us and our nation. Where was the Queen? Of all of those

heads of state present, it is only she who could have added real meaning, to the ceremony.

She who always stands shoulder to shoulder on all major events involving our Armed Forces past and present? I do not blame the Queen; she has to follow the lead of those in Government who are supposed to be "in charge".

It is truly shaming when those who are supposed to be responsible for the running of our country find it all too irksome and tedious to put aside just a little time and effort once a year to properly prepare to honour our fallen service men and women who gave their lives on foreign soil and rest there still, in our name.

No more of this; it doth offend my heart (Coriolanus 161)

Major Wayne Morgan MBE
Chairman,
Bridgend Royal British Legion and Bridgend & County Borough Veterans Association

'Appointments a dictatorship'

PETER MANDELSON, Alan Sugar, and Glenys Kinnock have been co-opted to ministerial, or virtually ministerial posts, by giving them a seat in the unelected House of Lords – making them Tsars of something or the other.

Is this democracy? I emphatically say it is not!

These are not persons elected to govern the electorate, they are

placements by Gordon Brown to shore up his grip on Westminster.

We regularly hear comments that describe this Blairite-Brownite-Nu-Labour party as being an elective dictatorship; the fact is that it is a classical dictatorship.

What else can we call a political system that allows a single person (Gordon Brown) to appoint persons who will dictate what happens to us without us having any say on their appointment?

Marc Delaney, Barry

Where are these 'good road links?'

SO Metrix have thanked John Smith MP – there are many who will not, and more who would not if the facts had been presented fully and honestly at the start – such as the number of people who were part of the surveys undertaken.

I visited the latest consultation and was amused that once again, most of the staff do not know the area.

On the front of the document was a statement about good road links with the M4; who on earth told them that? There is one way into St Athan from the M4 for vehicles with big loads and that's through Wenvoe and Barry, and this route is far from ideal. This road has a large number of small roundabouts, to say nothing of the road narrowing scheme near the school at Barry.

As someone who has seen many big sites developed, anyone who says they can cope without a different way in, is either fooling themselves or trying to fool us.

Vickey Way, Picketston

VALE PACT MEETINGS

STANWELL PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, June 19, 7pm.
CASTLELAND PACT, Castleland Community Centre, June 22, 7pm.
COURT PACT, Scouts Hall, Ilminster Avenue, June 24, 7pm.
LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Leisure Centre, June 30, 7pm.
BUTTRILLS PACT, Gladstone Primary School, July 1, 7pm.
DYFAN PACT public meeting, Barry Comprehensive School, July 1, 6pm.
ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Major church hall, July 1, 6pm.
PLYMOUTH PACT, the Paget Rooms, Penarth, July 1, 7pm.
WENVOE coffee and chat morning, Wenvoe Arms, July 1, 11am.
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The soul of Barry is now in danger and needs a home

THERE is a soul in the town of Barry - it was born when Lord Windsor turned over the first spadeful of earth for No 1 dock on November 14, 1884.

Nurtured in the docks of Barry, it had to become brave in the men who, in two World Wars, sailed in the ships of Barry. It grew up in the men and women whose lives were entwined with the docks and the ships of Barry. In the working-class streets of Barry, it gained strength from the rich mixture of people from different cultures.

It danced in Bindles; it swam in the Knap pool and - when it had a few bob - it shopped in Dan Evans.

It was a soul that shed a tear for mothers and wives who lost loved ones in two World Wars. The soul of Barry lies deep in the streets of Barry; in the granite of the docks; in the Dock Board

building and in the statue of David Davies but the soul of Barry is in danger!

When Barry was the largest coal-exporting port in the world, its affairs were managed by a small Town Hall and council. Now that the town and the docks produce nothing, it seems that it needs a vast council complex plus the Dock-board building.

Now that it has few jobs for its people, it apparently needs hundreds more houses so that it can become a sleeper town, for Cardiff! It will be the largest Travelodge in south Wales!

When the recession came, it seemed as though the danger from the property developers was lessened but 'Lo!' three of them amalgamated and, together with the council, the docks, which the Germans could not defeat, are now under attack again.

It is very subtle; just drop dock, from the town's name Barry Dock, and then rename those docks 'The Waterfront' - much nicer.

'Council are being secretive on the subject of Cemetery Approach'

IREFER to D Hooper's letter published in last week's edition of your paper concerning the Save Cemetery Approach Group's continuing concerns with the action, inaction, transactions, and slight of action of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Over recent years the council, under all political parties, has failed abysmally to listen to, and heed, its residents and voters.

It continually fails to provide responses and information in a way that informs and answers the issues being addressed by the affected residents, to the point that any information ground out of the council is too late and too

little to satisfy the genuine concerns of the public.

I find it appalling that following the debacle, and intrigue, over the drawn-out saga concerning the council's secretive, attempts to sell off public open space, that the council is still being negative, and secret, over its actions relating to the use of the Cemetery Approach land.

Why cannot it respond, after nearly four months, to the offers of co-operation from the SCAG? Why did one department of the council start work on the site, and yet other departments, when contacted by phone, deny work was taking place, days after they had already commenced?

It appears that, again the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing.

Dog fouling and penalty notices

IAM grateful to the operational manager of waste management for responding to the criticisms I made in The GEM on June 4, concerning the complexities of dog fouling legislation.

It is indeed gratifying when representatives of the Vale Council make responses to public concerns since these have such a rarity value.

My past letters bringing the attention of the council to the non-working tide clock on the Esplanade and the disgraceful state of the smashed mosaics in the same area have always been ignored.

Mr Parish suggests that I copy to him the letter I received from the council a little while ago agreeing that officials had no real powers to enforce the law against recalcitrant dog fouling walkers.

This is a strange request since council officials keep copies of all letters sent to members of the public.

I am sure that the well-oiled machinery of local government will be able to find it almost immediately if they bother to look.

What he will see in that letter is the agreement of the council with my contention that if a member of the public in

charge of a fouling dog ignores an 'intervening' official then little can be done.

If 'six fixed penalty notices' were issued last week by Mr Parish's staff, then I can only assume that those in receipt of such notices voluntarily provided self-incriminatory details about themselves.

As I said in my last letter, lay officials have no actual powers to enforce, and can only ask offenders to supply the information that will be used against them in the magistrates' court.

If this is refused, no enforcement can take place and therefore these laws, like so many passed in recent times, have a pretence of severity which they do not really possess.

That was my point. Mr Parish has made no case to say I am wrong. **Mac Tanner, Barry.**

There was a cartoon in a national paper last week – one feller says to another: "I've stopped hating the estate-agents, I now hate the politicians."

The reason for my letter is simple – the soul of Barry needs a home – a museum: a place where people can stop and look back to the stepping-stones of Barry's history: a place where the children of Barry can learn about the history of their unique Welsh town.

So far, all efforts to persuade the council to insist on having a Barry museum have failed. Before the recession a lovely small building was erected on the wharf that was once No 3 coal-tip; it was a complete small house.

Representations were made for it to be donated to the town as a museum but it was removed brick-by-brick in 24 hours.

The people of Barry should insist that something be done. **David Simpson, Barry.**

The council is quoted elsewhere in your paper as stating: "that all work planned there is on health and safety grounds."

SCAG have been petitioning for two years to clean up this public open space, and have not been given the courtesy of a reply from the council. Can we now trust the council that this clean up is for health and safety, or is it a precursor to another secret deal with a property developer?

I urge, plead, that the land be developed in line with its public open space designation, and that the community be allowed to contribute to that development and use. For once, don't ignore the public will, or the hand that feeds you will eventually bite! **Mike Stafford, Barry**

Hideous cruelty to family pets must be stopped now!

IFEEL I have to put pen to paper to express my disgust with the way recent cases of cruelty to cats within the St Athan area has been handled.

My cat went missing in January, but despite exhausting attempts to find Neo, no sightings had been made.

In March I was to find Neo dead, in a hedge, and decapitated.

A few weeks ago, I noticed an article in The GEM relating to the recent spate of cruelty to pets, and a number was available to ring with any information.

This I tried on many occasions; unfortunately the answer received from the police that they were unaware of this problem, and would

'Don't brand everyone with a gun the same'

IFEEL that I must respond to a letter in your June 11 issue from a Mr D Mumford entitled 'Pets are targets for people with guns.'

I fully agree that anyone wounding someone's pet is appalling, and sympathise with Mr Mumford and his family (I am a family man with pets).

As a shooting and fishing man, I object strongly to the statement that people in camouflage with guns are not only shooting rabbits (which must be controlled by law under the land act and do untold

damage to crops and land, not to mention very healthy eating) but are shooting at people's pets.

This implies that anyone who wears camouflage clothes and shoots, is involved in the injuring of pets, which is absolutely not the case.

A person's choice of field clothing and involvement in shooting does not automatically make them guilty of this disgraceful act, or of any other illegal or antisocial act.

Once again, the actions of an irresponsible minority get passed on to the ethical and law-abiding. (Name and address supplied)

Severn options to avoid damage

THE accuracy of the cost (£21 billion) for the proposed Severn mega-barrage, from Lavernock to Weston, is now a side-issue (The GEM May 21 May).

The consultants Parsons-Brinckerhoff found the costs of electricity at over 15p per unit give the mega-barrage no clear advantage over tidal lagoons.

It's also much more costly than power from moderate scale marine current and wave power devices: £3 billion of the cost was for replacing lost inter-tidal habitat.

The key point is that schemes generating similar amounts of power exist and do not lose that habitat. Two such schemes are the tidal reef and the tidal fence, both across the estuary between Aberthaw and Minehead.

Any schemes that damage the conservation feature up-estuary from Lavernock, losing inter-tidal habitat, cannot meet the legal requirement in the Habitats

Directive to show overriding socio-economic importance – because alternative tidal power systems exist that avoid such damage.

Our politicians like Alun Cairns (May 21) and Ioan Bellin (May 14) should be complaining about the government's short-list of five options – that it did not rule out the damaging ones, and that it wrongly framed the choice before us.

It's not between protecting birds or generating tidal power, it's between options that avoid damage to the estuarial habitat.

The government was wrong not to include the non-damaging tidal fence and tidal reef options; instead, it claimed uncertainty in costs and put them in an intermediate category.

While it gave them some funds for further R&D, it's wasting money studying habitat-damaging options that fail the legal test.

Max Wallis
(Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)

transfer me to a help line, again, either I could not get through, or no knowledge of the problem existed.

With the number of recent articles relating to this hideous crime, I would have thought that it would be of great concern to the authorities, and that any information given to them would be treated with a matter of urgency.

Whoever this sick person is, it is of great importance that this repetitive cruelty is halted.

I would urge anybody with information to persist with reporting incidents to the police.

The more pressure, the better for the pets that we all love and cherish.

W Hallett, St Athan

Accident is inevitable?

HOW long will it be before there is a serious accident on the new traffic light-controlled crossing in Cowbridge?

If approaching from the Cardiff direction, the lights are completely blocked until the last minute by a car park sign and lamp post flower basket!!

Nicky Suggitt, Llantwit Major.

Residents asked for views on the Trinity Street plans

THE Vale Council will hold an exhibition tomorrow (Friday) for residents and interested parties to give their opinions on planned traffic schemes at Trinity Street, Barry.

A council spokeswoman said this week: "A number of different traffic schemes have been implemented in the street over the years, but residents remain seriously concerned about

issues such as damage to parked vehicles, inappropriate speeding, reduced vision at side road junctions, due to parked vehicles and difficulties for pedestrians in crossing the road safely."

A site meeting involving council senior officers, local councillors and a number of concerned residents, recently took place at Trinity Street.

As a result, a number of different options had been drawn up, all of which will affect the

through-traffic movements in Trinity Street and the surrounding area in different ways, while addressing raised issues.

Miles Punter, head of Vale visible services, commented: "I was very interested to hear and see at first hand the problems being experienced by residents."

"While I was on site, I witnessed a number of near-misses, and also the frustration experienced by motorists trying to negotiate the various obstacles in the street."

"I very much hope

that we can work towards an acceptable solution to this long standing problem."

The exhibition will be

held between 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm at the Church Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Trinity Street, Barry.

Plaid AM praises hospital's new unit

DINAS POWYS based regional AM, Chris Franks, has welcomed the opening of a £1 million assessment unit at Llandough Hospital.

"The new emergency unit includes four examination rooms, larger waiting areas and a 12-bed trolley area."

"I welcome this unit which will help staff deal with emergency patients quicker. Plaid is committed to create a 21st century Welsh NHS."

PARISH CONCERT

A parish summer concert will take place at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry, on Friday, June 26, at 7pm, featuring Cardiff Male Choir, Barry Ladies Choir and the Barry Brass Band.

Tickets available in St Mary's and St Cadoc's churches, or from Mrs Susan Borges on 01446 747928, at £5 (includes wine and nibbles); children's tickets half-price.

Ring stolen at car boot sale

PENARTH police are investigating the theft of a gold ring from a stall at a car boot sale in Sully on Sunday, May 24.

A spokesman stated that the stolen ring has a heart-shaped red stone in the centre, with two small diamonds on either side.

It was taken from the stall at around 11am.

Police would like to speak to a man described

as white, of medium build with fair hair and around 5' 8" tall. He was wearing a green striped T-shirt and dark trousers and carrying a dark coloured back pack on his back.

Anyone offered such a ring for sale, or who was at the car boot sale and has information about the theft, should contact Police Sergeant Rob Gurney at Barry police station on 01446 731623.

Joshua Foundation's big jumble sale!



Lucy with Barry Scouts.

THE 11th Barry Scout Group is holding a jumble sale in St. Mary's Church Hall from 10am-12pm, on Saturday, June 20.

Hosted by Miss Vale of Glamorgan, Lucy Whitehouse, a contestant in the Miss Wales final in July, money raised will go to The Joshua Foundation.

Lucy explained: "The charity raises funds for children with terminal illness to have wonderful experiences such as trips to Lapland at Christmas."

Lucy's sponsors, Cubana in Barry High Street, are also hosting a Joshua evening on Saturday and everyone is welcome. *Anyone wanting to contribute to the fund can contact www.thejoshuafoundation.co.uk.*

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Tracking the industrial heartland from Blaenavon to Coity Mountain

THE negative weather forecast more than likely deterred many walkers from taking part in Janet and John's recent historical trip up to Blaenavon – but in fact, the day remained dry and bright!

Blaenavon Ironworks opened in 1788, having been founded by three businessmen from the Midlands, Thomas Hill, Thomas Hopkins and Benjamin Pratt, at a cost of £40,000 on land leased from Lord Abergavenny.

The local hill structure was used to assist efficiency when the hill-side was cut back to form a sheer cliff and the three brick or stone furnaces were built below.

This meant that ore, coke and limestone, used for the making of iron, could be dropped into the furnace from the high ground above and the heat was generated by blasts of air provided by a steam engine.

Within 10 years, the ironworks was the second largest in Wales,

employing 350 workers and producing 5,400-tons of iron per year.

In 1810, two further furnaces were added to meet demand and the water balance tower was used to raise pig iron to Hill's Tramroad, built on the sides of the mountains, which forged a link with the Brecon and Abergavenny canal.

By 1880, a new foundry was built across the valley for steel production and Blaenavon ironworks fell into decline. It closed in 1904, but became active again during both world wars, producing shell steel.

Starting at the ironworks, now managed by CADW and which is being slowly and faithfully restored, the quarter entered Stack Square (built during 1789-1792) for housing iron workers and their families.

Each unit housed up to eight people, and this area became famous during 2007, when BBC Wales began its 'Coalhouse' series and three families were transported back in history to 1927.

Crossing the main road, the group headed towards Coity Mountain



ABOVE: The intrepid ramblers pose for the camera!

and after passing the site of an old drift mine they set about the task of climbing to the top at 578-metres.

At the summit, they were rewarded with fine views of the surrounding countryside and across the Severn Estuary.

Much of the mountain hides a labyrinth of old coal mines and is included in the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site.

Travelling southwards, with skylarks to accompany them, the group descended the

mountain to reach Varteg Road, followed by a walk through Blaenavon community woodland that led them back through the town to their start point.

On June 20, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8-mile mod/hard walk to the Goose and Cuckoo Inn; contact Roger on 01446 418514.

On June 21, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile mod/hard walk at Tintern and St Briavels; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On June 25, the seventh summer evening walk will leave the Windmill playing fields, Llantwit at 7pm for a 5-mile moderate walk at Llanmaes and Sington; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto

www.ramblers.org.uk.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Local Rotarians take Kids Out for day in Somerset



JUNE 10 was the 20th anniversary of Kids Out – a day when Rotary Clubs all over Britain take children who would otherwise not have the chance, for a memorable day out.

This year, the Rotary

Club of Barry took 61 youngsters from Jenner Park and Cadoxton primary schools, Ysgol Maes Dyfan, and a group of Young Carers to Brea Leisure Park in Somerset.

Despite predictions of inclement weather, it was a glorious day and the children had a great time getting in as many rides on all the attractions as they could.

Some of the teachers and carers were even tempted as well! At the end of a tiring but very enjoyable day, everyone was treated to an ice cream.

Don Parker, president of Barry Rotary Club (who sampled the water ride himself!) said:

"It gives us great satisfaction to see so many youngsters having such a fun time.

"We have been supporting Kids Out for many years and hope to do so again next year."

ABOVE:
Enjoying an ice-cream in the Somerset sun.

Ian Thomson, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, said: "Days out give children the opportunity to experience and discover new things and the effects of something as simple as having fun can last forever."

"All our Rotary volunteers love taking part in the KidsOut Day because it is a day filled with laughter and you can tell by the smiles what a difference it is making to these children."

"Rotary believes strongly in the importance of promoting fun and happiness for young people irrespective of background or circumstance."

ROBIN PITCHER

Stylish bowlers in classy victory

by CLIVE PHILLIPS

BARRY Athletic opened their PG1 programme for the season with an impressive 86 shots to 63 win against Rhiwbina at the Island on Saturday.

The Athletic were successful on three rinks, with Chris Blake skipping his side to the best performance of the day with a runaway 29-9 victory.

Chris celebrated his latest selection in the Welsh squad for the British Isles Championship, taking place in Belfast this month, with a confident all-round performance.

He received good support from his No 3 Dave Snelling with Milton Eskins and Clive Phillips at the front.

Glyn Thomas, who is involved in considerable travelling for work these days, came in with a 26-18 scorecard, while Geoff Whittaker scraped home 19-17.

It was a good all-round performance for DK Williams' first team, collecting 12 points.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Rhiwbina: G Gane, D Coombs, M Vaughan, G Whittaker 19, I Cannon, M Lewis, M Allen, D Mitchell 17; C Phillips, M Eskins, D Snelling, C Blake 29, T Arnold, A Greaves, G Smith, M Mitchell 9; S McKernan, J Beanland, DK Williams, G Thomas, 26

B Cooper, A Jarrett, J Parsons, C Wood 18; J Horgan, G Nicholls, G Humphreys, R Horgan 12, J Scannell, D Gough, D Hyde, I Kelly 19.

The absence of three regular skips, due to international squad training and work commitments, meant it was always going to be a

struggle for the PG1 line-up at Bridgend on Sunday afternoon.

Bridgend were the stronger team on the day and collected 12 points with a fine 61-93 shot total.

Glyn Thomas salvaged two points for the visitors with a gritty display that earned his rink a 20-17 triumph.

Dave Snelling, skipping in the absence of Chris Blake, battled well throughout on his rink before going down 17-21.

The Athletic's PG2 side went down 81-90 against Cardiff at Sophia Gardens.

The Barry club picked up four points thanks to wins by skips Bill Summerell and Albert Mintern.

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The healthy lunchbox workshops span the generations at schools

AS part of Adult Learners Week in the Vale, last week, schoolchildren and parents learned together about healthy lunchboxes.

The Cymru Cooks group (which involves Healthy Schools, Community Focused Schools, Clybiau Plant Cymru and Community Dietician) secured funding from NIACE to deliver intergenerational workshops.

These were held in five schools in the Vale and each workshop was led by Steve Bell, adult education tutor.

All of the workshops went well, with 74 taking part. All participants – at no financial cost to them – made two dishes

suitable for a healthy lunchbox – a savoury dish; a salad using wraps instead of pasta; and a sweet wrap – which involved fruit and a small amount of chocolate spread acting as 'glue'.

On May 11, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant in Barry was the first school to take part. A little Welsh vocabulary was also included informally into the session, with Welsh flash cards for the families to take home and use in the kitchen.

One parent said she most enjoyed "Learning to cook with my daughter- which she won't do at home with me!"

The next day, Steve Bell was at Wick and Marcross Primary School, where mums, dads and grandparents

shared this experience with their child.

The workshop then went to Evenlode Primary School, where comments from children and adults included: "Very good", "Extremely useful" and "Glad I came" – all very positive quotes!

Evenlode School found the session particularly useful as they are planning to start up an after-school cookery club.

When it was Jenner Park Primary School's turn to have the healthy lunch box workshop, Steve struck a good balance between engaging with both the parents and the children, and all had lots of fun learning together.

At the Y Bont Faen Primary School's work-

shop on Friday, May 15, the children taking part were all from year-4.

The workshop received many positive comments. One parent said "it was lovely to work alongside my little boy – we both learned something new".

All of the adults who took part received a free information pack, which contained healthy recipes and information on community learning courses.

The children were given an inflatable fruit carry case, and couldn't wait to blow them up!

Parents commented that this was a great idea for carrying fruit to school as the fruit would not get bruised in the children's school bags.

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TOP NOTCH DRAMA FACILITIES AT YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG!

THE staff and pupils of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg appreciate the support of the Vale local authority, the school's governors and the PTA CRYF – as they have

contributed a substantial amount of funding for the building of our new drama block.

The excellent facilities which include two expansive drama studios and a media resource room have greatly improved the provision for the performing arts at the school, enabling us to extend our provision for the dramatic arts on the school's curriculum.

The drama block was officially opened recently by renowned Welsh actors William Thomas and Mair Rowlands. Also present were representatives from the Authority, governors and CRYF.

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Governor Rowland Owen takes a tour of the media facilities.

'Cosmeston Lakes can kill', police warn

VALE residents are again being warned about the dangers of swimming in the lakes at Cosmeston Country Park.

In Penarth, Neighbourhood Acting Inspector Steve Trigg said: "Every year people put themselves at risk of drowning when swimming in Cosmeston Lakes. Most are teenagers.

"The main risk is the cold. It may be a warm day, and the water may seem chilly on the surface, but just a few metres down it will be near freezing point.

"An average adult has only a 50/50 chance of surviving a 50-metre swim in very cold water (10 Celsius - 50F) or below. That's not much more than the width of a soccer pitch.

"The cold shock affects your breathing and causes gasping and

hyperventilation. It is involuntary and there is nothing you can do to stop it. It can lead to panic and drowning. The cold also makes arms and legs numb within several minutes.

"It means you will be unable to swim and may drown," he warned.

Sigingstone gardens are open for charity

TWO Sigingstone gardens will open for charity at the weekend – as part of the prestigious National Gardens Scheme (NGS).

'Langlands' and 'Hafod-y-Fro', in the Vale village (situated between Cowbridge and Llantwit Major) will open to the public on June 21.

They include "something for everyone inter-

ested in amateur gardening," as a relaxing Mediterranean courtyard area.

The gardens are on the same road, but offer very different approaches to garden design.

One features a pond, bog areas, a summerhouse, waterfall and orchard all surrounded by barn conversions; while the other has been evolving from scratch over 40 years and includes a mature pleasure garden, a pond and produce garden, as well

as a relaxing Mediterranean courtyard area. Combined admission to both gardens is £3 per adult, children are admitted free. Refreshments and plants will be on sale on the day in aid of a local breast cancer charity and both gardens are open from 2-6pm.

For details, visit the National Gardens Scheme website at www.ngs.org.uk or look out for the yellow signs.

ABOVE:
Musician and performer, Mrs Margaret Harris, with Tony Hampton, cabinet member for lifelong learning and Bryan Jeffreys, Director of children's services.



Group photo at Jenner Park School, with cookery tutor Steve Bell on the right.

SULLY COMMUNITY NEWS FROM COUNCILLORS ANTHONY ERNEST AND SARAH SHARP

FLOODING AREAS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN CABINET

FLOODING. A report to the Vale Council's cabinet has identified a number of locations in the Penarth and Sully areas that are particularly prone to flooding.

These include The Esplanade, Penarth and Swanbridge Road, Conybeare Road and South Road, Sully. The risk at the Esplanade is quoted as high, that at South Road as medium, while Swanbridge is low.

Following calls for action by Councillors Anthony Ernest and Sarah Sharpe, works have now been completed at Conybeare Road, where ditches were cleared and a blocked culvert also cleared, allowing water from adjacent fields to run off

safely.

Coun Ernest pointed out that there were 40 sites in the Vale which have been identified as potential risks, and a substantial amount of money will be required to meet the cost of all the necessary schemes.

Speed Indicators. New style speed reduction signs are proposed for Lavernock Road, where there are claims that traffic speeds are higher than usual.

The flashing signs which light up when vehicles exceed limits have been found to be considerably more effective than existing speed cameras often referred to as "cash cows" in the media.

LORRIES. Talks have taken place in

Penarth in an attempt to resolve issues with the parking of heavy goods vehicles near a popular school.

Residents in Penarth are calling for early action to ensure greater safety at this busy location.

VILLAGES. Entries are now being sought for the Best Kept Village in the Vale, the winner of which receives the Challenge Cup and a valuable cash prize.

A number of villages have already entered, and the competition's schools section has already attracted an entry of 19, up from last year.

Schools in the Penarth and Dinas Powys area have been worthy winners in recent years.

Green and food waste. Residents of lower Penarth and Sully have been complimented on the quality of the green and food waste they put out on a regular basis.

In a report, waste bosses said that the quality of the collections from these rounds is absolutely "first class" and that residents are to be commended on their careful selection and bagging up of these items.

The food and garden waste are being environmentally treated in the rural Vale, and returned to the land after the recycling process.

Coun Ernest and Sharp are always ready to help with residents enquiries, and can be contacted on 20 702111 and 20 898732.

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Happy result for SADS charity event

A RECENT charity fundraising evening in Penarth topped £3,000 – more than £2,000 over the target set by its organisers.

Police Officer, Malcolm Thomas and his daughter Nicola

staged a comedy evening and charity auction at Penarth Conservative Club to raise funds for 'SADS' (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome). Malcolm's daughter, Natalie, Nicola's sister died from SADS eight

years ago.

Nicola said that she had hoped to raise £1,000 towards the charity which carries out research into the illness.

"I was completely taken aback by the generosity of everyone who came along to the evening, and being able to raise some £3,000 was absolutely fantastic.

"I am so grateful to everyone, especially those who donated some excellent raffle prizes and auction lots as well as everyone who supported the event."

Malcolm Thomas added: "We are also very grateful to our sponsors Steve Jones of Porsche Motors and Simon at Cardiff Flying School for their generous support for the auction."

During the evening, Hugh Meddins 2008 president of the Welsh Bowling Association as well as President of Dinas Powys Bowling Club, presented Malcolm Thomas with a cheque for £250.

Hugh had chosen SADS as his charity for his year in office.

MARIE CURIE STAFF STEP OUT



STAFF at the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth are pictured (above) during a charity walk from Cardiff to Penarth, when they braved the elements to raise money for the hospice.

The walkers are pictured at the Scott Memorial in Cardiff Bay.

Artist draws on her experience as carer in Senedd exhibition

VALE artist, Sol Jorgensen, brought the work of carers into the Senedd with paintings and drawings of her life as a carer of Seth, her son.

Linking to the Carers Choir and Gwanwyn, the Age Concern Festival for Carers, Sol brought groups and networks together at the Senedd and her exhibition, hosted by Jane Hutt AM, was widely admired.

Ms Hutt said: "I am privileged to know Sol Jorgensen as an inspiring artist and dedicated carer of her son, Seth. Hosting the exhibition

and launch as part of Carers Week provided me with the opportunity to speak about the lives of carers such as Sol, of whom there are so many in my constituency, the

Vale, and to welcome the wide range of organisations that link with and support carers in the Vale and neighbouring communities."



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Sol Jorgensen and her Art Work

VALE CARERS 'IMPORTANT EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR'



Jane Hutt Am at the meeting with carers' groups.

CARERS' support groups in the Vale won glowing praise from local AM Jane Hutt at a Carers' Week event in the Dyffryn Gardens marquee last week.

Ms Hutt said: "Carers are important every day of the year, not just once a year when we focus particularly on their lives and listen to their needs.

"The organisations represented at the Vale Carers Day are developing their services in and impressive way, providing advocacy, support, respite and care and I was delighted to support their work again this year.

"My main message is to thank the carers for their unstinting support for their families and to welcome them to contact me to take up any issues they wish to discuss to improve services."

Scam advertisements - a warning to the public

THE following joint warning to the public has been issued by the City of London Police, Metropolitan Police Service and Westminster Trading Standards.

Police are advising the public not to reply to bogus adverts placed in local and national press by a company claiming to sell high value electrical goods at reduced prices.

Customers who have attempted to buy goods from the advert have been asked to pay or transfer cash into a bank account. They are told that the items will be sent to them, only to find that the purchases never arrive.

The adverts have been placed in local papers and magazines nationwide under a variety of names, including Arash Ltd, The Gadget Company, Gadget Limited, Office Bits Warehouse, Office

Supplies Cabin and Office Brands Megastore.

The only contact details are telephone and fax numbers and occasionally an email address that is based on the URL@easymailorders.com.

(It should be noted that there are companies in the UK trading legitimately under names similar to 'The Gadget Company'.)

Another aspect of the scam is that cards from a company calling themselves 'Parcel Express UK' are posted through random front doors telling the householder that they have missed delivery of a parcel.

It asks the recipient to phone a number and pay for a customs charge of the product by credit or debit card, once this is done, the parcel fails to arrive.

Again the money is not debited from the victims' account but the details are later used fraudulently.

Parcel Express UK is not a legitimate company. As a matter of course unless you are confident of the legitimacy of the company contacting you then do not provide your card or bank details to organisations or people not known to you.

If you have placed an

order in response to one of the newspaper adverts concerned, or called 'Parcel Express UK', you should inform your bank immediately and cancel your card.

Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Head, head of the Economic Crime Directorate at the City of London Police and the force investigating the frauds, said:

"The City of London Police Economic Crime Directorate is working closely with Westminster Trading Standards Office

and the Metropolitan Police to identify those responsible for this fraud.

"We are at an early stage, however it is evident victims have been duped by bogus advertisements for reduced price goods, placed in trusted newspapers and national magazines. Our advice to people is this: only ever part with your financial details to a known and trusted company.

"Likewise if an approach for delivery of a parcel is unexpected or

unsolicited, be wary, question the reasons why and take time out to consider the validity of the request. Trading Standards or Consumer Direct can offer advice."

If you suspect you have been a victim of this crime please report it to the City of London Police at ophukka@city-of-london.police.uk.

Further advice on consumer rights can be found at www.consumerdirect.gov.uk, or by contacting Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

Hundreds queue to take up free insulation offer

A MILE-LONG snaked across a Bridgend Industrial Estate on Saturday, June 13, as car drivers queued to collect free loft insulation from Rockwool, the Bridgend-based mineral wool insulation manufacturer.

More than 19 tonnes of loft insulation was distributed to eager householders looking to reduce their fuel bills and benefit the environment by

reducing their energy consumption. Householders brought everything from minibuses, camper vans, trailers and even an ancient Citroen 2CV to load up on free loft insulation!

People wishing to take advantage of the Rockwool offer can collect the free insulation for their home from the warehouse at John Raymond Transport, off Queens Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, anytime between 9.30am-4pm on Saturday, June 20 and

27 and Saturday July 4. Mrs Kapowski collecting insulation for her four bedroom detached house commented: "My heating bills seem to be constantly going upward, so I wanted to insulate my loft to help save money. I shudder to think how much heat has escaped from my loft over the last 20 years.

Rockwool staff are on hand to help homeowners load their cars and select the right product quantities.

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NEWS FROM THE PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Speaker tells how to avoid holiday video torture!

HAVE you ever been to visit friends, only to shudder when they ask! Would you like to see our holiday video?

To help us avoid putting our friends through all that, Mike agreed to share his thoughts on how to turn the prospective torture into a treat.

His talk to Penarth Computer Club began with a short film showing just what NOT to do when you film your holiday. The examples showed that if you do

not have a tripod then you must try to brace yourself against a wall, tree or lamp post, as this helps to keep the camera steady.

A camcorder can capture movement, but there is some movement that makes viewing very uncomfortable for your audience.

The example showed quick zooming and then, when zoomed in, panning to left or right.

There is no better way to make your viewing audience feel the need for a sick bag.

The film also showed

the correct way to use zoom SLOWLY – and the correct way to pan the camera also SLOWLY.

The last clip showed swans enjoying an argument on Cosmeston Lake. Capturing such an interesting event was a good example to encourage photographers and those who prefer the camcorder to carry their camera with them more often.

The sight of such big birds squabbling is somewhat spectacular.

Looking ahead to the process of editing, Mike suggested that a new project could be introduced by shooting a short clip saying what was to follow such as, "Today is the November

10 and we are visiting Bristol Zoo."

He also suggests that a moving object is better depicted moving into the picture rather than out of it, so put some spare space in the picture that the object can be heading toward.

Don't forget to take at least one minute more video per clip than you need. This will give you the chance to edit with ease and the ability to use transitions to go from one video clip to the next.

With everything safely 'in the can' as they say in the movies, we were then told how to upload the video to the computer. It's easy because the equipment does all the work; you just follow the

instructions.

The video must now be edited using your computer and a simple editing program. The job of editing is to cut out the unwanted parts of the video and move smoothly from one section to the other without your audience noticing.

This means that your edited version is short and interesting to your intended audience. You might, of course, have different length versions for family and for friends.

The next part concerned transitions: A transition is a method of moving from one video clip to the next as seamlessly as possible.

Different types of transitions were

explained and demonstrated. These ranged from a simple cut where a piece of video ends and the next one begins to the more sophisticated cross-fade where as the one piece of video fades out along with its sound track the next fades in.

Many types were shown and demonstrated with the advice to choose only a few. Use too many and you will spoil a good video.

Camcorders record sounds, of course, including sounds that are not wanted. Wind noise can be reduced by wrapping the microphone with a furry sleeve.

Directional microphones are available that pick up sounds only from what they are pointed at.

Music files can be incorporated into the video and can be faded in or out as needed.

Having filmed your holiday; put it onto the computer and edited it, just what is left? Mike gave a brief show of how to add titles and credits.

Finally, burn your production to DVD. The program helps you here in that it guides you into making a menu, so when you put your DVD in the player, a menu allows you to select which part of the video you want to see.

Your DVD is not just a great memory. You can

feel so proud of your efforts that you will want to lend it to friends, and wait for the comments on how much they enjoyed your holiday.

Penarth Computer Club next meets on Tuesday, June 23 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Chips and Chats and a fun quiz. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND

CAROL IS A TAKE THAT WINNER!



THE BRO Radio/Glamorgan GEM Take That concert winner was Carol Williams from Llantwit Major, who entered via the entry form in The GEM.

Carol took her friend Chris and they not only enjoyed Take That, but also saw James Morrison who was the support act and enjoyed VIP treatment in the hospitality suite and guest seats for the concert.

The question was: 'Shine' is the second single taken from Take That's comeback album Beautiful World, but in which year did it reach number one in the UK?

The correct answer was C: 2007.

BRO Radio station manager Steve Powell, said: "It has been a fantastic competition, with a tremendous response. I would like to thank everyone who took part, commiserations to those who did not win."

"Don't worry, there are many more competitions on the way!"

"We would like to thank Take That tour management and the Glamorgan GEM for their wonderful support."

BRO Radio is on 98.1FM and online at www.broradio.co.uk. Email studio@broradio.co.uk or call the studio on 033 044 04 981 (local call charge).



ABOVE: Carol Williams, the happy recipient of a pair of tickets to watch Take That in the Millennium Stadium.

Annual Scout fete will be the big attraction

THE 56th Barry District Scout and Guide annual fete, will take place at Romilly Park on Saturday, July 4 with the official opening at 1.15pm.

This year's fete will celebrate 100 years of Sea Scouting, and will feature displays from the Sea Cadets Field Gun

Display team, Welsh Bockers, Barry Kyokushin Karate Club and the Welsh Piping Society, as well as an It's a Knock Out competition by the Scouts and Guides.

Programmes are now on sale, £1.50 in advance and £2 on the day. For the list of places to purchase a programme, visit the website www.barryscouts.org.

Please email your stories to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Win plant stamps with Royal Mail and The Glamorgan GEM

THE National Botanic Garden of Wales played host to the Welsh launch of Royal Mail's 'Plants' stamps, highlighting the dark future of endangered plants.

With a quarter of the world's 270,000 plants facing extinction, Royal Mail is issuing ten first class stamps featuring examples of our endangered plants, and readers of The Glamorgan GEM can win a presentation pack in this month's Royal Mail competition.

Kevin Lamb, director of the National Botanic Garden, said: "These stunning stamps illustrate beautifully exactly

what is at risk in the natural world around us and why the conservation and research work here at the National Botanic Garden and other key institutions is so important."

Plants is the third in Royal Mail's Action for Species series, which examines the UK's endangered flora and fauna.

To enter this competition to win a presentation pack of these colourful stamps, simply answer this question:

Which of these is not a famous gardener?

- A) Alan Titchmarsh,
B) Charlie Dimmock,
C) Gordon Brown.

Answers on a postcard, marked 'Plant Stamps', to The

Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, to arrive no later than June 26.

No correspondence will be entered into and the judge's decision is final
GOOD LUCK!

Vale band on way to Dinas

FURTHER to their successful gig for the Dinas Powys branch of Tenovus at Christmas, the Vale of Glamorgan Band are returning to the parish hall on July 4, at 7.30pm, to promote their own concert.

Under the direction of conductor, David Short, they will play a wide selection of music, some of it associated with films such as *The Lion King* and *The Great Escape*.

On this occasion, the

band's guests are the Serenity Choir, a female voice choir based in Cardiff. Their repertoire ranges from gospel to pop, classical to jazz and includes songs from musical shows.

They will be conducted by assistant director, Emma Height, a music graduate from Cardiff and accompanied by Christopher Andrews.

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Cadoxton bowlers in a struggle to find their form

CADOXTON v WATTSTOWN CML2

CADOXTON started their League fixtures with a trip to Wattstown. The weather was nice but the result was awful!

There were a number of significant absentees from the team, but big improvements are needed if any good impact is to be made on the fixtures during the remainder of the season.

On Graham Brown's rink the game was tight in the first half, with only 11 shots scored in eleven ends, and a three shot deficit.

By the 15th the difference was just four.

However with lack of good bowls in the head, the tide could not be held any more and the last seven ends were lost, including a six on the penultimate.

Don Kuhnell had difficulties in keeping the score down, although his rink had led until the 8th.

Three losses followed but by the 14th the score was 10-11.

This was the stage when quality bowls were few, which enabled the opposing skip to take advantage by taking 15 shots in the next four ends which virtually ensured the points.

An unfit Viv Thurston was brought in to lead for Andrew Hatcher, due to lack of players. Unfortunately his play was nowhere near his normal standard. They went 15-1 down before a mini fight-back brought the score to 15-10, but only one single was added in the last

six ends.

The rink skipped by Gary Jones was leading 5-4 on seven ends, but a five took away the initiative. By the 13th the difference had increased to 10. Two twos broke the run up but they failed to score in the remaining six ends.

Scores: J Sugden, W Vaughan, K Chedzoy, G Brown - 7-25; H Hellyar, S Pycroft, L Cundliffe, D Kuhnell - 12-28; V Thurston, W Eadie, D Tuck, A Hatcher - 11-35; P Ellis, G Davies, J Davies, G Jones - 11-27. **Final score: 41-115.**

CADOXTON v VICTORIA PARK CML2

CADOXTON'S unhappy run continued when they were comprehensively defeated by Victoria Park (Cardiff).

Only the rink skipped by Graham Garland managed a victory with Ivor Dunbar returning after a lay-off.

Scores: G Solomon, C Burgess, D Brook, B Sales - 9-31; G Powell, L Little, J Stewart, A Carpenter - 16-21; R Doble, B Knight, I Robertson, M Curtis - 12-28; D Collard, I Dunbar, D Evans, G Garland - 21-14. **Final score: 60-77.**

CADOXTON v ROMILLY - MUNRO CUP

THIS Munro Cup game took place at Romilly where Cadoxton only managed success on the rink skipped by captain Gary Jones.

Despite only winning eight of the ends, they were good wins, including a four, a three and a two, on two occasions, while the opposition were mainly singles.

Alan Carpenter's normal Munro Cup form deserted him when his rink only managed six winning ends against Alan Bryan, his opposite number.

There were not many bowls in the head to assist skip Don Kuhnell, who was always playing to cut down, while Brian Foscolo mainly had the much easier task of holding shots, when it was his turn.

The same pattern took place on Kelvin Chedzoy's rink against Tony Freeman, during the last 10 ends, after he had taken a 6-3 advantage with 8 ends completed.

Scores: G Solomon, G Davies, D Jones, G Jones - 20-16; M Gershenson, A Burge, A Woolcock, B Gough, B Knight, J Stewart, M Curtis, A Carpenter - 9-20; P Gershenson, G Whittaker, V McFarland, A Bryan, D Collard, D Evans, L Cundliffe, D Kuhnell - 12-28; R Harkus, P Hoad, M Doyle, B Foscolo, R Doble, S Pycroft, J Sugden, K Chedzoy - 10-26; D Bannister, L Jones, C Geen, A Freeman. **Final score: 51 - 90.**

Junior Cavaliers take on St Fagans in exciting games

L L A N T W I T Cavaliers under-13s and under-15s teams both took on St Fagans CC in recent matches, with some exciting cricket the end result.

The under-15s were hosted by St Fagans, and on winning the toss chose to bat under good, warm conditions.

Captain Sam Pickford ensured a good start and was well supported by number four batsman Alex Harris, with both

batsmen going on to retire with scores of 36 and 35 respectively.

Sam Walsh and Andrew Williams added some additional runs to ensure a useful target of 117-4 off 20 overs.

St Fagans got off to a slow start, with some excellent bowling from Llantwit resulting in a score of only 17 for 2 after five overs, including the prize wicket of Smith to a superb ball from Pickford.

Weatherall (38 retired) and Antoni swung the game back in favour of the hosts but the loss of

three quick wickets to the bowling of Alex Harris almost won the game for Llantwit.

St Fagans reached the target in the last over with only two wickets to spare in a nail biting finish, especially for the home side, who were asking themselves all the questions, having been outplayed in some departments by Llantwit.

The under-13s were also hosted by St Fagans, where the host side won the toss and elected to bat, getting off to a solid start adding 80 for the first wicket, thanks mainly to Jeremy Lawlor (35 retired). Llantwit fielded a little too deep which helped the run rate to tick over.

However, some good catching from Jordan Bush and Daniel Evans helped to peg St Fagans back. This was aided by some good bowling from skipper Cameron Sleeth and Tom Clay, taking a wicket apiece. St Fagans went on to make a challenging 156 from their 20 overs.

The Cavaliers in response batted valiantly, scoring 94-8, with the bulk of the runs coming from Tomos Russell (30 no), Jordan Bush (12) and Joe Walsh (10). This was Tomos' highest score for the club, a milestone for him. Wickets were lost to three run outs suggesting an area for improvement.

TB

Romilly clinch a tense victory

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club travelled to Abertridwr Bowling Club on Saturday for the season's first match in the First Division.

Romilly won 94 shots to 77. Dave Wright's rink of B Gough, R Harkus and G Cogbill led from start for a sparkling 32-9 win.

Richard Cowling's rink of H Jones, A Burge and P Gershenson had a tough game and were 5-12 down after nine ends.

They got going thereafter with some good scores and went on to win the rink 22-19. Tony Freeman's rink of C Geen, G Eastment

and K Westgate had a good start in their game and were 14-6 in front after just eight ends.

Abertridwr then rallied and scored a five on the 12th end to put them in front 15-17. Two ends later, Romilly scored a big six for a 21-18 lead.

From this point on the fight continued to the end and a 26-26 draw.

Mel Newman's rink of R Hewitson, D Bannister and M Doyle were 9-8 up after nine ends. However, the match changed when the Abertridwr skip eliminated most of Romilly's holding shots.

Mel's team lost the rink 14-23.

RH

100 per cent for Cowbridge tennis!

THE Ladies first team were at home to Radyr on Sunday and gained a comfortable 4-2 win, with Jenny Lord and Alison Kurobasa winning both their matches, and Gill Ridout and Janet Booth, and Tricia Jochem and Karen James, winning one.

Ladies from the second team travelled away to play Cardiff LTC on Thursday where they also had a 4-2 win; June Donagh and Jane Wilby winning two, Julie Couzans and Caroline Summers, and Charlotte Kurobasa and Jane Richards, winning one.

To complete a winning week all round, it was seven wins out of seven for the men's team with a 4-2 win at home to Alt-yr-yn.

Allen Duggan and Rhodri John were unbeaten, Huw Jenkins and Richard Feeley, and Paul Wilby and David Buick, winning one.

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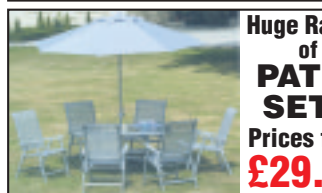
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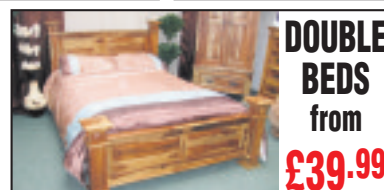
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DINAS POWYS SKATE PARK HOSTS BEST IN UK TALENT

HUNDREDS of people turned up at Dinas Powys Skate Park at Bryn-y-Don Playing Fields to watch some of the country's top skateboarders show off their skills.

A spokesman said: "Some of the best riders in the UK came to Dinas Powys and demonstrated skills on the half pipe, death box and flat.

"They included Jess Young, Joe Linsky and Skelley. Also in attendance was Dainton from Dirty Sanchez, but he was unable to compete due to a wrist injury."



CADOXTON BOWLS CLUB LADIES NEWS

Team recover to gain away win at Rhoose

THE evening league match at Cadoxton, June 10, was played against Millwood.

Rink one: Cadoxton - C Hope, P Davies, M Patterson, M O'Callaghan 11, Millwood - J Rogers, D Wyatt, J Davis, S Froud 26.

Millwood made an excellent start by scoring eight shots on the first five ends with Cadoxton scoring one only.

By scoring another five in the next two ends it was difficult for Cadoxton to catch up. Gaining seven on ends 13/14, sealed the win for Millwood.

Rink two: Cadoxton - P Bryant, N Clissett, D Evans, J Tuck 13, Millwood - J Mason, C Rich, I Dowling, F Luen 15.

This was a very even game the score being even at 13 all on end 16 of this 18 end match.

Millwood gained the win by taking the last two ends for one shot each. **Final score:** Cadoxton 24, Millwood 41.

THE next day in the Glamorgan League Rhoose ladies welcomed the Cadoxton ladies to their green.

Not only did they have to play a lady short due to illness, but Val played with a very painful foot. The ladies wish them both a speedy recovery.

Rink one: Cadoxton - P Bryant, T Parry, D

Evans, J Tuck 23, Rhoose - D Baxter, Sue Dance V Lovering 9 (a quarter deducted).

Cadoxton ladies started off in fine style scoring 10 shots in the first four ends and continued to make headway throughout the game.

Rhoose scored 12 shots overall which was reduced to nine after a deduction of a quarter.

Rink two: Cadoxton - C Bentley, P Davies, A Rees, P Currie 14, Rhoose - M Dutton, S Wood, B Green G Watkins 10.

Cadoxton found it difficult to get going on the artificial green.

They didn't score until the fifth end but then gained five shots over the next four ends. It was very even scoring, between the teams, over the next 10 ends but Cadoxton took the lead after five shots on ends 14/17.

Rink three: Cadoxton - M Slee, J Watkins, N Clissett D Davies 19, Rhoose - S Slee, A Shears, J Hopkins B Wornham 13.

Cadoxton scored eight in the first seven ends. Rhoose took four shots on the next end and by end 11 the scores were equal at nine-all.

The next four ends were taken by Cadoxton also taking four on end 17 made it very difficult for Rhoose to catch up.

Final score: Cadoxton 56, Rhoose 32. **DM DAVIES**

Income advice for groups

THE Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) has arranged a free 'sustainable funding conference' supported by Unity Trust Bank, at the Barry YMCA Hub on Tuesday, June 23 from 10am-1pm to help local community groups identify ways to generate future income.

Expert speakers will run workshops on topics covering tax effective giving, trading and social enterprise, procurement and contracts, and loan finance.

For more information, contact Dave Edwards at VCVS on 01446 741706 or e-mail dave@valecvcs.org.uk

NEWS FROM 372 BARRY SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

Cadets learn all about climbing from the inside



Vanessa Lazenburg abseiling.

RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps, experienced the thrills of abseiling at Boulders indoor climbing centre, Cardiff.

The session was designed to give the cadets a taster of indoor climbing and abseiling and build their confidence in climbing and putting their trust in team members.

The Cadets were introduced to a basic climbing wall where they learnt the techniques of hand and foot holds; which they would be using later for the more challenging climbs ahead.

Once the Cadets were happy, they quickly moved onto the simplest 60-foot climbing wall, before abseiling back down, each climb they undertook becoming more challenging and technically more difficult.

After the basic climb, the Cadets progressed onto vertical climbs and climbs with a tricky overhang; testing their physical strength to the

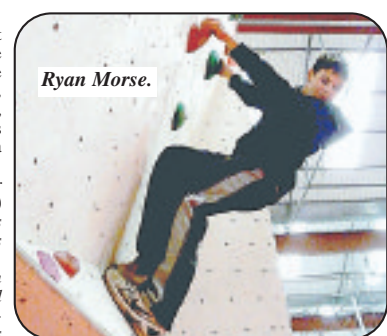
limit. Cadet Ryan Morse said: "Climbing was really cool; I enjoyed the climbing and the abseiling. The hardest part was the overhangs, which were really difficult so I was really chuffed when I completed it".

Cadets' training includes caving, camping, day walks, expeditions as well as kayaking. This training and experience, encourages them to explore and appreciate the great outdoors; improve confidence and fitness, learn new skills and ultimately provide enjoyment

mixed with excitement.

Cadets taking part were: Sophie Gildersleve, Eloise Johnson, Sian Davies, Jess Peters, Luke Evans, Rhys Horton, Titus Tuttle, Sam & Vanessa Lazenbury.

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Ryan Morse.

372@aircadets.org for more information about joining or the Air Training Corps. **JASON HORTON**

CAMERA CLUB HOSTS TROPHIES EVENING

Young picked out for special praise by Mayor of the Vale

SATURDAY June 6 saw Barry Camera Club host the Barrian Cup and Dave Cowdrey Trophy for the 14th time at the St. Francis Millennium Hall in Barry.

After an introduction by Barry Camera Club chairman, Steve Durbin, the event was opened by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Emlyn Williams.

He commented that it was nice to see some youthful faces in the

audience and that he would like to see some more positive view of young people, as they always seemed to get a bad press.

The judge of the event, Graeme Hodgkiss, agreed and said that members of photographic clubs should encourage their children and grandchildren to take up photography or the art form could well die out at club level.

Twenty five camera clubs from around Wales and the west of England entered photographs into

the Barrian Cup competition and around 90 people from the clubs turned up on the day to watch the judging.

As usual, the standard of photography was very high, but Neath and District Camera Club took an early lead, scoring maximum points with their first two pictures, 'Tree Birds' and 'Jenna by the River'. Llanelli was not far behind, though, their first picture, 'First Snow' scoring maximum and their second 'Old Friends' just one point

under maximum.

After the break, the other clubs started to fight back with some consistently good pictures, and towards the finish it started to get very close, with three or four clubs in the running.

The competition was finally decided by the last-but-one picture to be judged, with Llanelli just edging out Gwynfa by 87 points to 86. Neath and District was third with 82 points, and Backwell Camera Club was fourth with 81

points.

With the winner of the Barrian Cup having been decided, Graeme Hodgkiss went on to judge the Dave Cowdrey Trophy.

He decided on the picture that had given Neath and District maximum points early on in the Barrian Cup competition, 'Tree Birds' by Terry Goss, which he had said 'oozed quality'.

The trophies were presented by the Vale Mayor and the Mayoress, Mrs Joan Williams. Club secretary Arthur Mallet accepted the Barrian Cup on behalf of the Llanelli Photographic Society.

The pictures that scored the maximum 20 points in the competition were:

Tree Birds - Neath and District P.S.
Jenna by the River - Neath and District P.S.
Jockeying for Position - Gwynfa C.C.
Heron at Forest Farm - Cardiff C.C.
Enigma - Cardiff C.C.
I Wonder if She'll Come - Rhonda C.C.
The Kitchen - Backwell C.C.
First Snow - Llanelli P.S.

GEOFF FOWLER



ABOVE LEFT: Coun Emlyn Williams presents the Barrian Cup to Arthur Mallet of the Llanelli Club. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The Mayoress, Mrs Joan Williams presents the Dave Cowdrey Trophy to Terry Goss.

High Street Traders Association, Barry

Eric the High Street Clown has been messing around.

Eric has visited all the shops listed below and left a picture from his scrapbook that looks out of place. Can you help the High Street Traders find the missing pictures? The shops are located in **High Street, Broad Street & Island Road.** Can you locate all the misplaced items and fill in the form below... **GOOD LUCK!**



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COWBRIDGE ADDS ON SOME EXTRAS, ALL GEARED TO THE SUMMER SEASON

COWBRIDGE is welcoming visitors this year to the new improved 2009 version - with all the features visitors know and love, but a host of added extras...

The popular features are all still going strong, including the wide variety of distinctive retail outlets, the elegant and relaxed ambience, the chance to wander around the nooks and crannies of the old market town, and the huge choice of places to

eat, whether it be quiet cafes, welcoming pubs, or stylish restaurants.

In fact, when it comes to eating out in Cowbridge, there is clear evidence to back up that old proverb 'every cloud has a silver lining'. The credit crunch has led to a price war among the local eating establishments - a price war that well and truly buries Cowbridge's reputation as being 'a little on the pricey side'.

Wander around the town and you will find special offers galore for



lunchtime and early evening dining, with two and three-course menus (and sometimes four or five!) all available at bargain prices.

Whether your preference is for Italian, Continental,

traditional local fare, Indian or any other style, Cowbridge's restaurateurs are not sitting back and bemoaning the eco-

nomie slowdown, they are working to keep old customers happy and attract new ones. Something else new this year is actually, something of a surprise. It was a year ago that Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, declared the town's Physic Garden officially open.

At the time, the guiding lights behind the garden warned that, because the plants would be native to the UK from olden times, some of the more brightly-coloured varieties would not be present.

The accent would be on plants that had been used for medicinal purposes, rather than a technicolour



ABOVE:
Eating out in the glorious sunshine is always that bit more special when in Cowbridge.

showpiece. Nevertheless, the classical layout of the garden proved to be a big success.

However, it looks as if the Physic Trust was being unduly modest, because the garden has turned out this year to be a riot of colour, and is proving to be a really popular feature in the town.

In fact, more than 80,000 people visited the Physic Garden during the year following that official opening.

Trustee Mike Meredith said that although admission to the garden is free, they carry out exercises in checking numbers attending.

"We reckon that we had at least 80,000 people from last May until now," he said. "And that's a conservative estimate."

"We are seeing large numbers of people coming in, especially at lunchtime when they bring their sandwiches and just sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings."

"We are also attracting people of all ages which is good. People are saying that the garden is the best thing to happen to Cowbridge since the war."

The garden is now more or less a finished masterpiece, although some fine tuning of the plant-

ing is taking place. It is maintained by a rota of volunteers who give up their Thursdays to keep the garden in tip-top condition.

They are organised by Jackie Thorne, who is a paid officer, but the funding for this runs out in October. The garden will be run by the Garden Group from now on.

In fact, the project has been such a success, that the same trust is now putting together plans to make a similar transformation of the adjoining Old Hall Gardens.

Details of the proposed plans can be seen in the foyer of Cowbridge Library.

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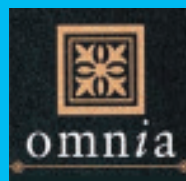
With the endorsement of Visit Wales, Cowbridge's Physic Garden is an outstanding example of imaginative development fashioned from the derelict remains of the grammar school's former kitchen gardens.

Organised and managed almost exclusively by volunteers the project depends entirely on the goodwill and support of the public of Cowbridge and the wider Vale.

All the plants in the garden pre-date the year 1800, reflecting the early development of medicines, many of which may be seen in the 12 parterres that illustrate how plants were first used scientifically to treat ailments affecting all parts of the body.

Thus the physic garden has a unique and special place not only for the connoisseur but also for the amateur including those who take simple pleasure in its calming tranquillity - a true jewel in the centre of the town open 364 days per year free of charge, though donations toward our upkeep are gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

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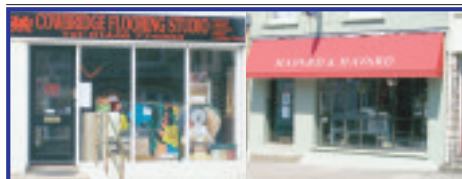
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Cowbridge loyalty scheme will reward local shoppers

A LOYALTY card scheme is being introduced by Cowbridge Chamber of Trade. It is hoped that it will be launched in September – in time to boost the pre-Christmas trade.

The final details are still being discussed but

chamber secretary Emma Hartman of High Society said that the chamber had a number of exciting ideas to raise the profile of the town but the loyalty scheme is the main thing in hand at the moment.

"We have been looking at other schemes run by places like Monmouth. It will also benefit our local schools."

The chamber will invite residents and regular shoppers to pay £5 to sign up for the scheme. The loyalty cards will be sold through local schools, which will keep a proportion of that selling price for their own funds. The rest will go to the chamber to cover the setting up and running costs of the scheme.

Everyone who joins will get a starter pack, which will list the participating shops. It will be up to each business to decide what discount or offer to make available.

Eleri Long of Amici is the person working on this scheme for the

chamber and she said that the 'card' will actually be a key fob, which shoppers can produce when they do their shopping.

"It will be a one-off charge and the fobs will be available from shops and from the schools. Traders who take part will be able to put details of what they are offering on the chamber website.

"Stickers will be placed in the windows of the participating shops and it will probably be called the Cowbridge Loyalty Scheme or something along those lines."

They had been in touch with traders in Oswestry, where a

scheme has been running very successfully.

"It has increased footfall and trade. It has grown to a big scheme with three towns joining in. We hope that once it is up and running, we will also see the benefits here."

Ms Long said it will be up to each shop to decide what discount to offer: "We cannot have a blanket approach as businesses are so different. We could have a café offering something off a latte, for example, or a clothes shop offering a discount."

"It will be up to each trader to decide. The aim is to encourage people to shop in Cowbridge and support the town."

The chamber is also considering inviting a marketing student to help promote the town and they are also revamping the chamber website.

Ms Hartman said shops, restaurants and other businesses had responded positively to the credit crunch by becoming more competitive and offering customers better value.

"I see people offering special deals on meals and eating out, for example. The beauty of Cowbridge is that most of the businesses are locally owned and are run by their owners."

"That means that they can respond decisively to any situation and can be far more flexible than chain stores where decisions could be taken hundreds of miles away," she concluded.

Hairdressers battle it out in style for the Joshua charity

TWO Cowbridge hairdressers are turning their creative talents to fundraising – as part of the Haircut 100 challenge in aid of The Joshua Foundation.

On Saturday (June 20) salons from around south Wales, including Hair Business and Fich + Ramous in Cowbridge, will be devoting their day to raising money for the children's cancer charity.

Haircut 100, the brainchild of chief executive of The Joshua Foundation, Sarah Cornelius, encourages hairdressers to turn their creative talents to fundraising and help to raise vital cash for the charity.

Sarah Cornelius said: "The idea of the day is to encourage hairdressers to have fun, while also raising money for a good cause. Salons from across Cardiff have signed up to the chal-

lenge day but the aim is to get 100 salons on board.

"They are being sponsored to wear fancy dress costumes for the day and going that extra mile for their customers, in the hope that they will donate money to the charity."

"We always emphasise the FUN in fundraising and just want everyone to enjoy themselves while helping a great cause."

"We are currently trying to raise money for our annual London Experience for 50 families of children with cancer."

The Joshua Foundation was created in September 1998 to provide holidays and experiences for children and their families where the child is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The Joshua Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary on December 4, 2008.

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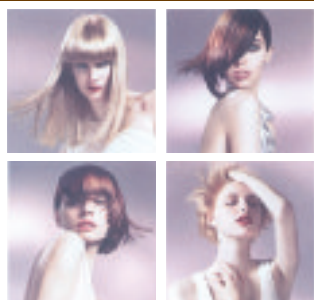
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## Flower festival will draw in visitors from far and wide

**I**t will be a case of saying it with flowers in a big way at Holy Cross Church next week. The church flower festival, which is held every few years, is taking place from June 24-29 and promises to attract visitors from all over south Wales.

The high quality of the floral exhibits draws in an expert audience of flower arrangers from a wide area, as well as local people who just enjoy the spectacle and colour.

Cowbridge is always filled with flowers in the summer with tubs, pots

and baskets in profusion in the streets but the efforts of everyone involved in the festival add that extra je ne sais quoi to the town.

The festival is launched on Wednesday, June 24, with a celebration of flowers, a demonstration of flower arranging with hymns.

It is led by flower-arranger Bob Harris, of Gloucester, who will make the final five arrangements to complete the decoration of the church.

Mr Harris has a large following and people will be most anxious to see his techniques. He gave a demonstration at the last flower festival in 2006. Admission to this event is £5.

From Thursday, the exhibition will be open to the public. The church is open from 10am-6pm and refreshments will be served by church members throughout the day. Admission is £3 with children free.

Church warden Pam Roberts said that the floral arrangements will be made by a variety of local organisations, flower club members, businesses and church members.

"We have a very strong flower club in Cowbridge and many of our ladies in the church are also members of this. We make an allowance from our flower fund to anyone interested in doing a display of up to £40, although not every-

one takes this.

"The money is used to buy the flowers needed for the display. Some people buy flowers while others may find suitable blooms and foliage in their gardens. It's up to each individual how they do it."

She said that church members raise money for the flower fund throughout the year and it was intended to ensure that people could provide quality displays and give them a helping hand with the costs.

Mrs Roberts said that the church has a band of very dedicated people who mastermind the flower festival. "It is a lot of hard work and we only have the energy to do it every few years. It takes a lot of effort."

On Friday, the exhibition ends at 5pm as a concert is being staged as part of the festival in the church. Cantorion Pontyclun (Pontyclun Ladies Choir) will be performing at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50.

On Saturday, the festival takes place from 10am-6pm. On Sunday, the exhibition is open from 12 noon-6pm but at 4pm, a choral evensong will be held as part of the festival. This will be followed by an auction of the floral exhibits.

Trips are expected during the week from flower clubs throughout south Wales and the



ABOVE: An image from last year's Flower Festival.

theme of the festival is very appropriate - Say It With Flowers.

All the profits from the event will go towards the Holy Cross Restoration Fund.

"People look forward to this festival," added Mrs Roberts. "It is extremely popular and enjoyed by lots of people including those who have nothing to do with the world of flower arranging."

The refreshments are being provided by church members from throughout the parish who serve on a rota. Homemade cakes and scones will be served, along with tea and coffee.

## Cowbridge architect offers expert advice

**C**OWBRIDGE based architect Don Mitchell is offering local homeowners a chance to get some expert home advice, while raising funds to support Shelter, the housing and homelessness charity.

Don Mitchell, based on the High Street, is taking part in *Architect in the House (AITH)*, a partnership between the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and Shelter.

The scheme gives people across the Vale the opportunity to book an hour-long consultation with an architect to discuss anything from a loft conversion to a major renovation project.

In return, homeowners are asked to donate a minimum £40 to Shelter, helping people whose lives are being damaged by bad housing.

Don Mitchell said: "Whether you've been considering an improvement to your home but haven't looked into it, or have

just never thought of using an architect, this is the scheme for you.

"Architect in the House offers a first step towards making a positive change to your home, while helping less fortunate families trapped in bad housing to find and keep a home of their own.

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The Council of Mortgage Lenders predicts that 75,000 homes in the UK will have been repossessed by the end of 2009.

With nearly two mil-

lion families awaiting social housing, and a chronic lack of affordable homes to rent, Shelter's services for people in need will be stretched to the limit in the months ahead.

Architect in the House is now in its 13th year, and has raised more than £800,000 to date.

The money goes towards helping out in seven children in Britain who are living in bad housing, directly improving their education, health and happiness.

To find out how an architect can breathe new life into your home sign up to [www.architectinthehouse.org.uk](http://www.architectinthehouse.org.uk) until July 1.

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## Sunrise Renewables say docks are 'best location' for biomass plant in the town

Sunrise Renewables (Barry), which wants to build a biomass plant in the town, insists that the docks area is the best possible location for such a development.

A Sunrise Renewables spokesman told The GEM "The location is ideally situated to provide heat and power for the remaining 2,000 homes planned for the town's Waterfront development.

"The infrastructure necessary to provide these services can be installed without any disruption, and its presence will help these homes meet the new exacting sustainability targets demanded for new residential developments."

The spokesman pointed out that the plant would also provide electricity for the National Grid, other homes in the area or the local authority if required.

He went on: "The plant's location is at least 360 metres away from the nearest existing housing in Dock View Road – almost quarter of a mile.

"There are a number

of similar developments elsewhere in the UK including ones at Hull, St. Helens, Middleton, Caernarfon, Wellingborough, and Widmerpool where housing is significantly nearer the site.

"The plant is designed to have minimal visual intrusion; it will look like an industrial building and its site is well below the line of Dock View Road.

"Currently, the site is classified as being brown field, is contaminated and has an unsightly industrial use."

A Vale Council planning committee was due to discuss the issue of the plant at a meeting today (Thursday, June 18).

Dr Ian Johnson, the Plaid candidate for the Vale, said he had written to the council to express his reservations over the proposed plant.

He said: "The officers at the Vale have recommended accepting the plans, with 27 conditions attached.

"However, I do not believe that these conditions in any way meet the very valid concerns of local residents about the impact of this plant.

"My letter draws attention to 13 different

issues that have been raised either in conversation with local residents or at my public meeting with Jill Evans MEP at which both local residents and environmental campaigners such as Vale Friends of the Earth attended and presented their worries about the plans put forward."

Vale councillor Chris Elmore, who is opposed to the siting of the plant, said: "In the report issued by officers at the planning committee in May, it clearly states that the 'site is located no greater than 250 metres from the existing residential properties on Dock View Road which overlook the site'.

"I am out most evenings with residents who are collecting more signatures from householders who have concerns and are opposed to the development going ahead as it is so close to housing.

He added: "I am also concerned that the plant, if approved, will have a detrimental effect on Barry and in bringing any future investment in the form of retail and eateries to the Waterfront."

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## What's On and Where

**Blood donors**  
THE Welsh Blood Service will hold two donor sessions in Cowbridge next week.

Sunday, June 21 (10am-4pm) and Monday, June 22 (10am-6pm), both at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

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**Chrysanths AGM**

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**Tax help**  
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**Christian musical**  
ON Friday, June 26, a Christian Musical is being staged at arry Memorial Hall.

Rock, the story of Simon Peter was written by Roger Jones under the Christian Music Ministries.

A local choir, trained by Dot Connell, will be joined by a similar choir from Pontypool for the performance.

Roger Jones will conduct an will bring along dancers, soloists and musicians. Doors open at 7pm; tickets £6.50.

## Cowbridge Thirds meet their nemesis

THE Cowbridge thirds match with Port Talbot produced runs galore but sadly, no victory for Cowbridge, despite totalling 226 for their innings.

There were several solid scores, Jon Brazier 24, Gethin Davies 26, Nat Eliot-Green 17 and David Webb 28 not out, but the real hero was Richard Owen with 40 including three successive sixes high into the trees bordering the cattle market.

Remarkably, no cars were dented and each ball was recovered. The total was achieved at 100 runs an hour, but

therein lay nemesis. Play was resumed after tea and the annual team photograph. At first, the omens were good, with the Port Talbot number one being superbly caught by James Lister-Sims at deep square leg off Nat Eliot-Green, who quickly added two more wickets.

There then developed the sort of partnership that is always possible on the school pitch. The next two batsmen scored 32 and 92 and, although

some heads went down, the fielding was enlivened by a superb run out by Ellis Davies and another two excellent catches, one athletically by George Gibson and one with startling nonchalance by George Brown.

Suddenly, it appeared that Cowbridge may yet win, but the tail enders hung on and Port Talbot finished with two wickets in hand. Another 10 runs and the result would have been reversed.

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### SPORTS NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## Under-15 cricketers are too strong for plucky Cathays School opposition

COWBRIDGE kicked off their Cardiff and Vale under-15 Cup run with a comfortable win over a spirited Cathays School.

Deciding to bat, captain Joel Gehler sent in openers, Will Antoni, year-9 (45 runs) and Tom Francis (26 runs) who produced a commanding 71 partnership.

It was skipper Gehler who was next to take the field, showing his international class with an impressive 39 not out. Alex Kurobasa hit a steady 21 before being caught from some quality Cathays spin bowling.

Beth Moorcraft batted for the final over and looked confident at the crease finishing two not out.

Cathays innings was a short-lived affair. Jack Davies 2-21 off four overs, Moorcraft 1-8 off two overs, Gehler two maiden overs with two

wickets. Final score: Cowbridge 158-5, Cathays 62-all out.

It was a good all-round display from the players, who will look to progress in the next round.

**ATHLETICS**  
FOUR Cowbridge teams competed in the first round of the Knock Out Athletics cup in Jenner Park on Thursday, June 4.

The afternoon got off to a flying start for the Cowbridge athletes, winning seven out of the eight hurdles races. This fine form continued throughout the course of the competition, enabling Cowbridge to run in the following first place results:

**Under-14 boys**  
First in A competition: H Thomas – hurdles 12.8; G Griffiths – long jump 4.64; C Brace – 800m 2.37.

First in B competition: W Rosser – hurdles 14.7; J Whittingham –

200m 28.6; C Powell – long jump 4.19; R Cogan – discus 18.00; R Elms – 800m 2.42; J Whittingham – javelin 27.68.

**Under-16 boys**  
First in A competition: J Williams – hurdles 12.9; J Laidlaw – 200m 25.4; O Beamen – 1500m 4.46; L Hopkins – discus 24.80; J Thomas – high jump 1.50; J Laidlaw – triple jump 11.23.

**First in B competition:** L Jerwood – hurdles 14.2; J Davis – 1500m 4.55; S Street – 100m 12.8; J Esquirol – 800m – 2.27; J Williams – High jump 1.50.

**Under-14 girls**  
First in A competition: R John – 200m 30.0; L Whitehouse – 100m 14.0; R John – long jump 3.77; J Carpenter – 800m 2.58; M Boxall – shot 7.12.

**First in B competition:** A Wallis – hurdles 13.8; C Allin – 200m 31.9; H Jones – discus 14.01; N Edwards –

800m 3.04; I Armour – shot 6.84.

**Under-16 girls**  
First in A competition: M Williams – hurdles 14.3; B Moorcraft – shot 7.94; K Bradbury – javelin 21.59.

**First in B competition:** G Jackson – hurdles 15.0; J Hayes – shot 7.79; G Jackson – javelin 19.87.

In addition, the under-14 girls also won their

relay race. As a result of such strong team performances, the under-14 girls team have qualified for the 'A' Cup Final on June 16 and the under-16 girls, under-16 boys and under-14 boys have qualified for the 'B' Cup Final on June 18.

We wish all the athletes luck in the next round of their competition.

## Volunteers go on beach clean up

GRADUATES from npower's power station in Aberthaw have adopted a stretch of coast and spent a day carrying out a local beach clean, under guidelines by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS).

They went on a litter picking mission, helping to protect wildlife in the area and supporting the MCS's campaign for cleaner seas.

Niall Moroney, team leader from npower, said: "The MCS has shown us that we can all do our part in protecting our beaches. Our work today mirrors our commitment to caring for the environment, keeping our beaches clean and safe for the next generation."



# Out and About with The GEM

## This is one Hangover that is worth suffering through!

**T**HE stag party, or bachelor party as it is known to our American cousins, is a right of passage that all soon-to-be-married men have to endure.

My own personal stag experience involved going paintballing, and watching the bridegroom being 'shot' over and over, simply because it was his stag - which saw us ending the night in a less than salubrious Swansea nightspot,

where the local males looked only slightly more intimidating than the females.

On the big screen, these parties have been a minefield of comedy, films such as the aptly titled *Bachelor Party* wringing the comedy from the drunken shenanigans that take place.

*The Hangover* is the latest film to do this, telling how three friends (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, and spell check nightmare Zach Galifianakis) not only manage to lose the

groom (Justin Bartha) two days before his wedding, but also how a stripper (Heather Graham), a baby, a missing tooth and a tiger belonging to Mike Tyson fit into a lost night.

The trio have to find the groom and work out just what exactly happened to them in Las Vegas...

Many of us have had a night where they can't quite remember what happened, with only themselves and the demon drink to blame for it.

Mix this with four men on a bachelor party and you have a raucous recipe for comedy that sits firmly on the bawdy side.

*The Hangover* doesn't fail to deliver on this premise, resulting in a film that is hugely hilarious and thankfully devoid of any third act, 'dealing-with-the-consequences' weight that often cuts the best comedies off in their prime.

Instead, writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore are more concerned with fashioning a film whose only intention is to make you laugh hard, something they achieve in spades.

They are helped by superb direction from Todd Phillips and the efforts of a cast little-known but certainly capable of delivering the laughs; you could see the likes of Will Ferrell and Ben Stiller starring in this, but the film benefits from not being saddled with star names, allowing the comedy to come naturally from performances and situations.

Leading the field, performance-wise, is Zach

Galifianakis, who imbues the stereotypical 'weird guy' character with some wonderful touches.

Whether it's his man-bag, his dubious dress sense, or his Rainman-esque card counting abilities, Galifianakis makes the character more than just the usual range of tics and personality; hopefully, this will be a way into wider acclaim for an excellent comedian.

Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms offer more than capable support, the latter impressive as the put-upon man shaking off the straitjacket of his girlfriend to have fun, even if it means losing a tooth in the process.

The former does the laconic charm of an Owen Wilson effortlessly, chalking up another good turn for an actor due to break out sooner rather than later.

With the likes of Heather Graham, Jeffrey Tambor and Ken Jeong all offering up excellent support, the humour does sometimes feel a touch lowbrow, but it certainly doesn't smack of straining for laughs.

Director Todd Phillips, having sat in the chair of the likes of *Old School* and other comedies of that ilk, is perfectly at home here. *Old School* is perhaps the best reference point here, sharing with *The Hangover* the way males behave when in their own company, throwing off the shackles of adult life for another chance to revisit their youth.

The director certainly makes the most of the comparison, directing with the same verve and ingenuity that made that film so successful - and not in the style of his most disappointing foray behind the camera, 2006's *School For Scoundrels*, where he tried Xeroxing the more grosser elements of his

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by GARETH JAMIESON

comedies in the hope it would paper over the cracks. Instead, *The Hangover* is the work of a director refreshed and rekindled with the spirit of making films that entertain and get you laughing, and that it most certainly does.

**VERDICT** - Maintaining its humour from start to finish, *The Hangover* is, without doubt, one of the best comedies of recent times.

Winning performances from the cast, including the scene-stealing antics of Zach Galifianakis, coupled with a screenplay that prefers comedy over moralising, means that this is a hangover that is well worth suffering through! *Recommended.*

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# St Richard Gwyn honours its high achievers

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RECENTLY, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School hosted its annual prize giving evening when the achievements of its pupils were recognised.

Held later than usual, as the school hall was only renovated earlier this year following the flood damage of last summer, pupils were, at last, rewarded for their hard work and commitment.

The deputy headteacher, Ms Christine Morrish, who organised the event, commented: "Our pupils transformed adversity into success, showing how strong our sense of community is at St Richard Gwyn."

"All rose to the challenge and made it an exceptional year in terms of achievement."

The guest speaker, Alun Cairns AM, said how impressed he was by the maturity of the pupils he had met on previous visits to the school, and that he was conscious of the strong sense of responsibility they held for the community.



ABOVE: Pupil of the Year trophies for academic excellence went to Jessica Caterson, Tomos Power and Jordan Moore.

ABOVE: Keith Jenkins' 100 per cent attendance over five years at St Richard Gwyn secured him an award.

ABOVE: Service to the community awards, for their library work, went to Mebin Abraham and Rhiannon Herring



ABOVE: Mr John Leach, director of CAVMS, presents 'Musician of the Year' awards to Patricia Hunt, Reuben Mitchell, Daniel Godden, Maryann Ling and Bethan Power



The Stuart Dickson Memorial Award went to promising badminton player, Sophie Clarke.



ABOVE: Shannon Horrigan (lower school) and Jennifer Berndt (upper school) won excellence in mathematics awards.



ABOVE: Jessica Caterson, George Dixon, Ellie-Rose Gillard and Jay Orfano all worked in their free time with teacher, Mrs Beverley Lennon, to make St Richard Gwyn an 'Eco School'.



ABOVE: Jamie Sexton - Athlete of the Year.



ABOVE: The DJ&N Sports Personality of the Year Award went to Rhys Perry.



ABOVE: The James Saif Memorial Shields for overall achievement went to Ethan Whitcombe, Mathew Hibberd and James Leonard.



ABOVE: Chair of governors, Mr Paul Burke (left) and headteacher Mr Mike Clinch (right), welcome Alun Cairns AM and Jonathan Goldman, Dow Corning community relations coordinator, to St Richard Gwyn.

ABOVE: The Business Enterprise shield went to entrepreneur, Kieran Kilday, who set up a piano café on the school's Market Day

RIGHT: The Governors' Cup for outstanding GCSE results went to Jennifer Berndt who achieved 10 A\* grades including French, Spanish and Welsh!



LEFT: The St David's Catholic College Shield went to Tinu Abraham who is now studying for her A-Levels there.

ABOVE: Head girl, Channing Thompson, and head boy, Matthew Thomas, opened the evening and gave the vote of thanks.



# NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASSROOMS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## Chess Megafinal 2009

**FIVE** Barry Comprehensive School students travelled to Birchgrove Comprehensive, Swansea to take part in the UK Chess Challenge Megafinal.

The pupils achieved a place in the megafinal by competing against fellow students during lunchtimes in the school's chess club. The club is run by two year 10 pupils, Chris Newby and Kyle Harfoot, as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate community work module.

The club meets every Tuesday and is open to everyone from novices to experienced players.

Jamie Callis and Raven Shorney competed in the under-12s category, Shae Farmer in the under 14 and in the under-15s Tayler



**Barry Comprehensive School's Sam Jukes ponders his next move at the Chess Megafinal.**

Williams and Sam Jukes well, winning four out of represented the school. six matches. He has achieved a place in the well against some tough next round of the competition – the Gigafinal in played exceptionally Manchester.

## Just how intelligent is a piece of paper?

**TEN** year-10 pupils at Barry the Comprehensive School attended Cardiff University's annual mathematics lecture this year, entitled 'Artificial Intelligence'.

Pupils from a number of schools in south Wales were presented with many examples of artificial intelligence from the movies and computer games.

The presentation was given by lecturers from the School of Electronic

Engineering and Computer Science at Queen Mary College, University of London.

A piece of paper out-manoeuvred an intelligent volunteer in a game of noughts and crosses to show that the piece of paper was in fact very intelligent!

The instructions on the piece of paper are what made it intelligent, just like a computer which is given millions of instructions by programmers to perform simple or complex tasks.

An interactive demon-

stration showed how the brain worked in a simple game of snap.

By understanding the brain, programmers can write instructions that allow a computer to synthesise actions that humans do automatically.

The insight into the concept of artificial intelligence and its dependence on knowledge from many subject areas, including maths, biology and psychology, definitely prompted some neuron activity in the pupil's brains!



**ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive School's year-10 artificial intelligence experts.**

## Vale Council frees funds for school redevelopment

**Redevelopment of St Cyres School in Penarth has moved a step nearer, after Vale Council cabinet members agreed to make additional funding available.**

Councillors were asked to agree £282,000 to progress the development of the upper school site at Penarth.

The decision was welcomed by Coun Anthony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning.

He said: "In April 2009, members approved an allocation of £468,000 from the school building improvement grant towards the cost of the works, which left the balance of £282,000 to be found.

"This new funding will now allow development works to commence and pave the way for the project to be completed successfully.

"As cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, and a former teacher at St Cyres, I'm delighted that we've been able to find the money for this excellent school.

"It's high time the school had improved facilities and they will be

of great benefit to the pupils and all involved."

The estimated cost of the development works is £750,000.

The newly agreed funding will pay for the development study for the new school, which will include the preparation of a design brief and a concept design including a preliminary cost plan, an application for planning permission and preparation of tender information.

Paula Ham, head of services – learning and development, said:

"This funding will enable the council to advance the long-awaited development works for the replacement of St Cyres School.

"The completion of the works will place the Vale of Glamorgan in a good position to secure the Welsh Assembly Government funding necessary to build a new school."

Dr Jonathan Hicks, senior deputy headteacher at St Cyres, said: "We are excited that events are moving forward and at long last we can look forward to the school being on a single site in the near future."



**ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**Coun Anthony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, Dr Jonathan Hicks, deputy headteacher and Mr Brian Lightman, headteacher at St Cyres school.**

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## ST CYRES SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

**THE** St Cyres boys tennis team have been in action recently against a very strong Cowbridge side.

Zekiyy Azeez won his singles in the under 13s competition, but this was the only victory for St Cyres.

Despite this, the boys played some excellent tennis. The under 15 team included Matt Hall, Adam Roberts, Tom Baister, and Richard Saunders, and the under 13 team was made up of Alex Vowles, Matt Todd-Bennett, Zekiyy Azeez and Harry Lewis.

The Cowbridge boys were very gracious in victory. All the games were played in a very sporting manner and all the boys were a credit to their schools.

Once again our thanks go to Dinas Powys Tennis Club for the use of their fantastic courts.

The boys and girls under 13 teams played Stanwell in a friendly fixture.

The girls' team of Dana Yee, Rachel Hignett, Leah Cunningham, and Corrie Driscoll won comfortably only dropping one game in six sets.

The boys' match was a much closer affair.

Alex Vowles and Tom Baister both won their singles 6-2.

Matt Todd-Bennett lost 6-3 and Zekiyy Azeez lost 6-1.

Zekiyy fared better in the doubles with Alex, winning 6-2, but Matt and Tom lost the doubles 6-4. The final result was 3 sets each but St Cyres won narrowly by two games.

In football St Cyres under 14 girls team also played a friendly fixture against Stanwell.

The score was 4-1 to the more experienced St Cyres team.

St Cyres dominated the game and had many scoring chances but the game was played on a smaller pitch with smaller goals so it was hard to create space.

Nevertheless it was an excellent game. The St Cyres team consisted of Amy O'Callaghan, Hannah Foat, Leah Cunningham, Corrie Driscoll, Sian Davies, Mollie Chick, Jessica Brennan, Ellie Jamieson, Abbie Stone, Lauren Bailey, Demi White and Georgina Wilson-Dixon.

**PETE LEWIS**

## BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club:**

**June 9** – first, Irene Thomas and Joan Jenkins, 63.02 per cent; second, Gerald Gould and Noelle Bond, 57.29 per cent; third, Celia Thomas and Jane Brook, 56.77 per cent.

*New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.*

## Pupils get a lesson on law, at first hand

**PCSO Mandy Michael of the Dyfan neighbourhood policing team paid a visit to Barry Comprehensive School recently to talk to pupils from year-10 about law and order.**

PCSO Michael, who was invited by Mrs Liz Zyjewski, head of the learning support department at the school, reported:

"My talk began with some general points about law and order before moving on to more specific topics.

"I was able to give the pupils an outline of the roles and responsibilities of the neighbourhood policing teams and the Response officers and the differences between police community support officer and police constables.

"I then told them about certain police powers, such as Stop and Account and Stop and Search before describing the ASBO process to them.

"At the end of my presentation, there was

an opportunity for the students to ask questions

"There were a number of interesting and pertinent questions and points raised," she added.

**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA**  
*THE Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry is holding a strawberry and cream tea, on Saturday, June 20, at 3pm.*

*Admission is by ticket, or pay at the door, £5. All are welcome.*

## COUNCIL SET UP TO GIVE A VOICE TO PENARTH YOUNG

**PENARTH Youth Council** has been set up for young people in the town to promote their views.

"A joint venture between the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service, Penarth Town Council

and the voluntary sector, it will have the opportunity to influence policymakers on issues affecting younger members of the community, as well as raising the positive profile of young people in the area," a spokeswoman explained.

The official launch of the new 15-strong group, at the Washington Gallery, was attended by Coun Sophie Williams, Vale Youth Champion, and the Leader of the Council, Coun Gordon Kemp.



**ABOVE: Members of Penarth Youth Action with local representatives and the Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp (third on left).**



**CARDIFF & THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP****Bro Morgannwg girls claim fourth title in a row!**

**AFTER** the disappointment of failing to retain their two Middle titles, the pupils from Bro Morgannwg bounced back at the Cardiff & the Vale Schools junior championships for pupils in year-8 and year-9.

The Barry school retained the girls' title for the fourth consecutive year.

In the boys' section, they were initially placed second behind the all-powerful Cardiff High team but, after sportingly losing 17 points after declaring that the winner of the walk, listed as Bro Morgannwg, was not from their school, they dropped to third behind Radyr.

Three of the pupils, who showed promise over the country last winter, claimed endurance titles.

Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral School), the Cardiff & Vale Schools under-15 cross-country champion for the last two years, won the 1500 metres in a close fought race with Clare Horwood (Radyr) while year-9 Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) underlined how much he has improved by taking the boys 1500 metres.

Llantwit year-8 Lucy Tarrant was the fastest in the 800 metres time trials.

On the field, Matthew Roan (St Cyres), who had shown promise in the combined events championships, won the high jump with a 1.60 metres clearance while Tom Smith (Stanwell) and Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) claimed the triple jump and long jump respectively, and Bro Morgannwg's Fern Mason completed an unusual double, adding the u15 javelin title to her year-7 win in 2007.

There were two more Vale winners. Early in the afternoon, Aaron Reid (Barry Comprehensive) impressed with heat and final victories, in good times, in the 200 metres, while Nancie Edwards claimed the only Cowbridge victory at the end of the meeting in the 1500 metres walk.

The winners at these championships will receive their awards at the Cardiff & Vale Schools Track & Field Presentation Evening, which will be held at Cardiff High School on Tuesday, September 8, starting at 7pm.

Following this fixture, the under-15 teams will be selected to represent Cardiff & the Vale district at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National track & field championships, which will be held at Leckwith on Saturday, July 4.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Vale results: U15 Boys - Years 8 & 9 - 100: Ht 1 (ws -1.1) 1 Cameron Jones (Stanwell) 12.38; Ht 2 (ws -1.3) 1 Thomas Williams (Stanwell) 12.40; 6 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 13.26; Ht 3 (ws -0.9) 3 Rhys James (Barry) 12.90; 4 Christian Walters (Cowbridge) 13.12; Fin (ws 0.0) 2 Cameron Jones (Stanwell) 12.09; 3 Tom Williams (Stanwell) 12.31**

**200: Ht 1 (ws -0.3) 2 Tom Smith (Stanwell) 25.55; 4 Frank Roe (Barry) 26.14; 5 Ben Ware (Stanwell) 26.50; Ht 2 (ws -0.3) 3 Michael West (Llantwit) 26.33; 4 George Hooper (St Cyres) 26.94; 5 Pat Frilles (St Richard G) 27.12; Ht 3 (ws +0.5) 1 Aaron Reid (Barry) 24.71; 5 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 26.42; **Fin (ws +0.9) 1 Aaron Reid (Barry) 24.62; 4 Tom Smith (Stanwell) 25.35****

**400: Ht 1 2 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 58.25; 5 Connor Doyle (Barry) 1:01.69; Ht 2 2 Rhys James (Barry) 59.24; Ht 3 1 Emyr George (Bro M) 57.78; **Fin: 3 Emyr George (Bro M) 57.86; 4 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 57.92; 5 Rhys James (Barry) 59.07****

**800: 5 Huw Evans (Stanwell) 2:22.67; 9 Damien Robinson (Barry) 2:28.81; 12 Will Powell (Barry) 2:31.65; 13 John Conkey (Llantwit) 2:32.74; 14 Harri Williams (Bro M) 2:33.61; 15 Luke Wiltshire (St Richard G) 2:36.40; 16 Jake Bosza (Stanwell) 2:37.22**

**1500: 1 Matthew Edwards (Barry) 4:37.15; 3 Rory Heslop (Bro M) 4:48.19; 5 Callam Barrie (Barry) 4:54.54; 6 Dan Owen (Llantwit) 4:59.05; 8 Paul Jones (Stanwell) 5:07.26; 10 Sam Peterken (St Cyres) 5:08.04; 11 Morgan Preece (Bro M) 5:08.86; 13 Elliot Richards (Stanwell) 5:11.20; 15 Sam Corria (St Richard G) 5:16.53**

**80H: Ht 1 (ws +0.4) 2 Harry Hitchcock (Cowbridge) 12.98; 5 Josh Albertides (Barry) 14.79; 7 Nicholas Taylor (St Richard G) 15.03; Ht 2 **No WS** 2 David Parkes (Bro M) 14.16; 3 Ashley Wilson (St Cyres) 14.53; 4 James Griffiths (Cowbridge) 15.99; 5 Rob Jones (Stanwell) 16.92; Ht 3 (ws -0.7) 2 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 13.94; 3 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 14.07; 4 Will Powell (Barry) 15.37; 7 Tomaz Phillips (Stanwell) 18.13; **A Fin (ws +0.4) 4 Harry Hitchcock (Cowbridge) 13.82; 6 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 14.10; 7 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 14.12; 8 David Parkes (Bro M) 14.19; B Fin (ws +1.0) 1 Ashley Wilson (St Cyres) 14.14; 6 Josh Albertides (Barry) 15.43; 8 Nicholas Taylor (St Richard G) 15.67****

**1500 Walk: 5 Tom Bellingham (Stanwell) 10:17.58; 6 Fraser Hodgkins (Stanwell) 10:17.60; 8 Daniel Wells (Bro M) 10:23.63; 9 Sam Peterken (St Cyres) 10:23.75**

**HJ: 1 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 1.60; 4= Glenn O'Leary (Llantwit) & Josh Albertides Barry 1.50; 6 Ieuan Orin (Bro M) 1.45**

**PV: 3 George Connelly (Bro M) 1.80**

**LJ: 6 Rhys James (Barry) 4.72; 13 Christian Walters (Cowbridge) 4.57; 16 Wesley Burns (Bro M) 4.34**

**TJ: 1 Tom Smith (Stanwell) 10.87; 4 Will Powell Barry 10.45; 7 James Hendy (Cowbridge) 10.20; 10 Ioan Williams (Bro M) 9.92; 12 John Conkey (Llantwit) 9.74; 14 Ben Ware (Stanwell) 9.45; 18 Dafy Davies (Bro M) 8.98; 20 Joe Hudson (St Cyres) 8.62; 21 Mark Bolter (Llantwit) 8.54; 23 Nicholas Taylor (St Richard G) 7.09**

**SP: 2 Gus McPherson (Cowbridge) 11.06; 6 Ben Thomas (Bro M) 9.72; 7 Jack Austin (Llantwit) 9.56; 9 Jacob Harris (St Cyres) 9.30; 12 Dafy Davies (Bro M) 8.82; 15 Saeed Esa (St Cyres) 8.64; 18 David Evans (Llantwit) 7.81; 19 Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) 7.45**

**DT: 5 Jack Austin (Llantwit) 23.94; 6 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 23.92; 11 Jacob Harris (St Cyres) 21.83; 16**

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James Hendy (Cowbridge) 19.85

**HT: 7 Dafy Davies (Bro M) 18.88; 8 Jack Pritchard (Bro M) 17.68; 9 Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) 17.48; 10 Mark Bolton (Llantwit) 16.69; 12 David Evans (Llantwit) 14.40**

**JT: 2 Kieron Carpenter (Bro M) 32.99; 5 Sam Roberts (Cowbridge) 31.63; 12 Philip Stanforth (Bro M) 26.90; 13 Deon Garrison (Llantwit) 25.83**

**4x100: Ht 1 1 Stanwell 50.13; 3 Cowbridge 50.48; 4 Bro Morgannwg 52.27; 6 St Cyres 54.92; Ht 3 2 Barry Comprehensive 50.48; Llantwit Major disq; **Fin: 3 Stanwell 49.65; 6 Cowbridge 51.35****

**Team: 3 YG Bro Morgannwg 172; 5 Barry Comprehensive 136; 6 Stanwell 128; 8 St Cyres 86; 12 Llantwit 82; 14 Cowbridge 74; 24 St Richard Gwyn 4**

**U15 Girls - Years 8 and 9**

**100: Ht 1 (ws +0.4) 2 Catrin Cosier (Bryn H) 14.07; 3 Zoe Stevens (Bro M) 14.18; 6 April Dee (St Richard G) 14.52; Ht 2 (ws +0.7) 6 Romy Killick (Cowbridge) 14.55; Ht 3 **No WS** 1 Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 13.62; 3 Lauren Drew (St Richard G) 14.12; 6 Chloe Phillips (Llantwit) 14.80 **Fin (ws -1.0) 5 Lauren Drew (St Richard G) 14.18; 6 Catrin Cosier (Bryn H) 14.26; 8 Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 14.41****

**200: Ht 1 (ws +0.9) 2 Catrin Cosier (Bryn H) 28.34; 3 Zoe Stevens (Bro M) 29.31; 4 Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) 29.92; Ht 2 (ws -0.6) 2 Lauren Drew (St Richard G) 29.00; 5 Emma Worrell (Llantwit) 30.43; 7 Jade Argiriou (St Cyres) 31.38; Ht 3 (ws -1.4) 1 Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 27.99; 2 Carys Knapman (Bryn H) 28.78; **Fin (ws -0.8) 2 Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 28.21; 4 Catrin Cosier (Bryn H) 28.73; 6 Carys Knapman (Bryn H) 29.19; 7 Lauren Drew (St Richard G) 29.69****

**800: 1 Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit) 2:34.03; 6 Aimee Price (Llantwit) 2:50.44; 7 Rachel Bradshaw (Cowbridge) 2:53.53; 12 Emily Thorne (St Cyres) 3:00.74; 14 Fern Mason (Bro M) 3:08.92; 15 Amy Wright (Bro M) 3:10.46; 16 Rachel Hignett (St Cyres) 3:19.54**

**1500: 1 Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral) 5:17.27; 6 Megan Osborne (Llantwit) 5:32.01; 9 Fiona Bray (Cowbridge) 5:36.29; 2 Anthea Young (Llantwit) 5:54.72; 12 Danielle Green (St Richard G) 6:06.71**

**75H: Ht 1 (ws +0.4) 1 Chloe Phillips (Llantwit) 13.64; 3 Bethany Hawkins (Bro M) 15.11; 4 Katie Munro (Cowbridge) 15.15; 7 Chloe Whitlow (St Richard G) 16.45; Ht 2 (ws +0.3) 3 Bethan Flynn (Llantwit) 15.06; 4 Megan Thomas (Bro M) 15.44; 5 Caitlin Allin (Cowbridge) 15.48; 6 Annika Bugert (Stanwell) 15.60; 7 Elle Watkin (St Richard G) 17.01; **A Fin (ws +0.5) 4 Chloe Phillips (Llantwit) 13.88; B Fin (ws +0.7) 1 Bethan Flynn (Llantwit) 14.71; 3 Bethany Hawkins (Bro M) 15.09; 4 Megan Thomas (Bro M) 15.32; 5 Caitlin Allin (Cowbridge) 15.40****

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**HJ: 3 Megan Thomas (Bro M) 1.40; 4= Maisie Matthews (Bro M) 1.35; 9 Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge) 1.30; 10= Molly Frost (Cowbridge) 1.30; 15 Katie Mills (Bryn H) 1.25**

**LJ: 1 Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) 4.48; 3 Zoe Stevens (Bro M) 4.32; 9 Megan Thomas (Bro M) 3.84; 10 Danielle Green (St Richard G) 3.71; 13 Jessica Tidley (Cowbridge) 3.60; 14 Olivia Holt (Llantwit) 3.36**

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**JT: 1 Fern Mason (Bro M) 23.57; 2 Laura Howells (Cowbridge) 20.73; 7 April Dee (St Richard G) 16.45; 8 Aysla Clarke (Bro M) 15.50**

**4x100: Ht 1 2 Bro Morgannwg 55.68; 3 Llantwit Major 57.35; Ht 2 2 Bryn Hafren 56.53; 4 Cowbridge 57.92; 5 St Cyre's 1:01.47; Ht 3 5 St Richard Gwyn 59.23; **Fin: 6 Bryn Hafren 57.52; 7 Llantwit 57.80; 8 Bro Morgannwg 57.93****

**Team: 1 YG Bro Morgannwg 215; 4= Llantwit 126; 6 Cowbridge 122; 12 St Richard Gwyn 78; 15 Bryn Hafren 50; 21= Stanwell 12; 23= St Cyres 8**

**Under-14 and under-16 Cup finals**

THE two Cardiff & the Vale Schools under-14 and under-16 track and field Cup Finals were staged at Jenner Park this week - the A final on Tuesday (June 16) and the B Final today (Thursday).

Following the six preliminary matches held to determine the schools, which qualify for the two finals, Bro Morgannwg was the only Vale school to qualify teams for the A final in all four sections.

They were joined by three Llantwit squads - both boys' teams plus the under-14 girls. Cowbridge (Girls) and Barry Comprehensive had under-14 teams in action.

Winners at the A final qualify for the NASUWT Cymru Welsh Schools Cup Finals, which will be held at Brecon on Wednesday, July 8, with second placed teams going forward to the Plate competition at the same venue on that date.

Vale representatives in the B Final include Cowbridge (u14 boys, u16 boys and girls), Bryn Hafren (both girls teams), Stanwell (u14 boys and girls) and u16 boys' teams from St Cyres and Barry Comprehensive.



**ABOVE:**  
**Lucy Taylor**  
(Llantwit) in action in the 200 metres heats. Lucy later won the long jump.



**ABOVE:**  
**Winner - Aaron Reid** (Barry Comprehensive) in the 200 metres



**ABOVE:**  
**Maisie Matthews** (Bro Morgannwg, 506), second in the girls 200 final.



**ABOVE:**  
**Eventual winners Lucy Tarrant** (Llantwit) already leads her 800 metres timetrial, which also includes Rachel Bradshaw (Cowbridge, 524), Rachel Hignett (St Cyres, 547), and Fern Mason (Bro Morgannwg, 505). Fern later won the javelin competition.

**LEFT:**  
**Bro Morgannwg team-mates Emyr George (115) and Wesley Burns (120) battle it out for third and fourth places in the 400 metres final.**



**ABOVE:**  
**Bethan Flynn** (Llantwit) on her way to a win in the B final of the 75 metres hurdles.



**ABOVE:**  
**Jessica Tidley** (Cowbridge) contests the girls' long.

**ABOVE: Matthew Edwards** (Barry Comprehensive) controls the 1500 metres on his way to victory. Also included in the race were Vale athletes Callam Barrie (Barry Comp), Rory Heslop (Bro Morgannwg) and Dan Owen (Llantwit).



**ABOVE: Barry4x100 - Last change for the Barry Comprehensive squad in the relay heats.**



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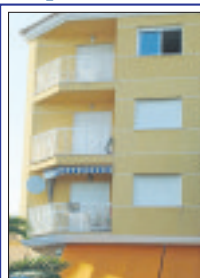
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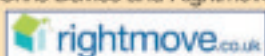


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tinued their win-  
ning ways on  
**Sunday** when they  
defeated **Mid**  
**Glamorgan** at  
**Greenwood Park**.On a very hot and  
sunny afternoon, Cardiff  
and the Vale batted first  
and made 221 for 5 off  
40 overs.Sam Wood hit an  
excellent 98, well sup-  
ported by Matthew Jacka  
(38) and Gareth Lennon  
(21).In reply, Mid  
Glamorgan stuttered at  
the start, losing four  
quick wickets for 15  
runs, but a fine partner-  
ship between Ashley  
Colston (32) and C  
Smeaton (46) took the  
score to a respectable 90  
before the remaining  
batting collapsed and  
they were all out for  
103.Harri Collier took 3-  
24, Scott Matthews, 3-  
24, and Matthew Marley  
2-13.

Cardiff and the Vale



ABOVE: Sam Wood.

now face a tough week-  
end, playing Kings  
College away onSaturday, and Wiltshire  
at Cowbridge on  
Sunday.**THOMAS CARROLL VALE OF  
GLAMORGAN MIDWEEK  
CRICKET LEAGUE ROUND-UP****Barry Internationals win  
with three overs to spare****WITH** the weather  
fair, 2008 champi-  
ons **Barry**  
**Internationals**  
opened their  
account with a  
seven wicket win  
at **Llantwit**  
**Cavaliers**.The Cavaliers won  
the toss and elected to  
bat first, but the open-  
ers found batting hard  
work as the ball stayed  
low and it wasn't long  
before the first wicket  
went down - James  
Snelson falling to a  
stunning catch behind  
the wicket.Afzar came on to  
bowl and found alarm-  
ing turn and bounce as  
he bamboozled the top  
order batsmen; he fin-  
ished his spell with two  
wickets for five runs.After 12 overs the  
Cavs only had 31 runs  
on the board and a very  
low score looked on the  
cards.Mike Wood (bowed  
for 45) and Gareth  
Morgan (caught for 15)  
batted sensibly, hitting  
the bad ball to the  
boundary and managed  
to get the Cavaliers to a  
respectable score of  
100 for the loss of six  
wickets.Varuna and Salem  
came out to bat for the  
Barry Internationals  
and put together a fine  
opening partnership  
before Varuna was  
bowed by Matt  
Prudham for 27.

Salem went on to hit

a steady 50 not out as  
the Internationals won  
by seven wickets with  
three overs to spare.At St Mellons,  
league leaders Lisvane  
continued their fine  
form and racked up an  
impressive 183-5. Greg  
Edwards top-scoring  
with 78.On another night,  
Wanderers reply of  
146-7 would have been  
good enough to win  
most matches. Not this  
time though. Despite 67  
from Stuart Jones and  
30 from Jamie Keir,  
Wanderers fell short by  
37 runs.Luke Jones returned  
3 for 24 for the Cardiff  
team.Dinas Powys made  
the short trip down to  
Barry Island to take on  
Barry Athletic's young-  
sters and returned home  
with a 64-run win.Dinas batted first and  
slipped to 57-5 after 10  
overs.However, a steady  
partnership of 66  
between Dani Zaman  
and Miles Wilton led  
them to a respectable  
134-6, with Dani  
Zaman top scoring on  
41. Best bowling for the  
home side was opener  
Callum Twomey who  
returned 2-21.Barry Athletic began  
the run chase slowly,  
contained by Steve  
Bussell and Mike  
Lowe, Bussell collect-  
ing two wickets.However, the star of  
the Dinas bowling attack  
was Neil Islam, whorecorded excellent fig-  
ures of 4-11 off his four  
overs.Only Ashley Baker  
showed any resistance,  
scoring 20 before being  
caught out.With Zaman complet-  
ing a good night's work  
by taking 2-11, Dinas  
wrapped up comfortable  
victory, despite not  
being able to bowl the  
opposition out.A low, slow Wenvoe  
wicket saw a low scor-  
ing game between  
Tynewydd Strollers and  
Fontygary.The Strollers won the  
toss and batted first but  
could only muster 93,  
with seven batsmen  
being clean bowled,  
many to the dreaded  
shooter.John Gee top scored  
for the Strollers with 23  
after being promoted to  
a rare opening slot.Fontygary fared little  
better and were bowled  
out for 87 giving the  
Strollers a six-run win.Ethan Fiddler took 3-  
14 and Steve Oram's  
leg-spin bringing 3-20.Two individuals  
shone out. Fonty's Matt  
Thomas backed up his  
3-7 with a fine 43, while  
Tynewydd's super-veteran  
Derek Allen, aged a  
princely 63 and quite  
likely the oldest player  
in the league, scored 17  
and bowled his four  
overs for just nine runs.Finally, Creigiau  
defeated Cogan by 11  
runs in a close game at  
Penarth.



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# Pontyclun youngster sees double as he sets sights on FutureStars



ABOVE: Matthew Kamal.

**PONTYCLUN'S Matthew Kamal met the two best doubles players in the world, Bob and Mike Bryan, at the AEGON Championships on Tuesday when the brothers took time out to hit with eight AEGON FutureStars.**

The 12-year-old, who plays his tennis at Esporta Cardiff, was given a tour of Queens Club prior to meeting the star players, along with the other AEGON FutureStars.

The AEGON FutureStars programme was devised to help nurture and develop young talent across Britain, aiming to produce the next generation of top players through identifying talent in the sport at an early age.

The 31-year-old twins from California then put the youngsters through their paces with drills at both the net and baseline.

"It's been good to play with two of the best players in the world and I will probably follow them from now on," Matthew said.

"I am very proud to be a FutureStar and would like to be a professional when I'm older. It makes me feel good and confident to know that I'm good enough as I am in the AEGON FutureStars programme.

"It's fantastic to see the Bryans on television and then meet them in real life and also have the opportunity to hit with them, that was very special.

"They taught me that hard work will get you to number one so that's what I intend to do. I also learnt about good positioning on the court and how important communication between each other is."

The Bryans won the US Open in Flushing Meadows last summer and then began this season with victory in Melbourne Park to pick up the Australian Open title.

## Local trainer's double glory

by BRIAN LEE

**LLANCAFFAN trainer Evan Williams sent two horses on the long journey to Market Rasen last Friday and won with both of them.**

His *Mickmacmagole* won the Market Rasen Races Co. UK Handicap Hurdle under Cowbridge's James Tudor and his *Mr Robert*, partnered by Donal Fahy, took the next race on the card, the Market Rasen Novices' Hurdle.

The former won at odds of 11-2 and the latter went off a 13-2 chance. Those punters who backed them in a £1 double would have picked up £45.50.

Three Welsh riders rode winners at the recent Newton Abbot meeting.

Cowbridge's Deano Coleman was successful on the 4-1 favourite *Tank Buster* for Aberthin's

Tim Vaughan, Ogmore's Christian Williams won on the Paul Nicholls' trained *Classic Swain* and west Wales' Isabel Tompsett, who recently rode her first double under rules, won on *Olvinio* for Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn.

Isabel, thanks chiefly to the Llangenor mare *Chesnut Annie*, who won all her ten point-to-points this season, has retained her Welsh point-to-point riders' championship.

Rhys Hughes, assistant trainer to Tim Vaughan, also retained his Welsh riders' title with a personal seasonal best of 22 wins.

Isabel rode a total of 14 winners.

The West Wales area is planning to hold a club Point-To-Point in January 2010 and in order to gauge the support it might receive, a special meeting at Nant-y-ffin, Llandissilio is being held on July 1 at 7.30pm.

## Sully RFC under-16s are honoured at ceremony

**SULLY SPORTS RFC under-16s recently held their end of season presentation.**

The evening was a success, as has been the rest of the season.

The majority of this squad have been together for a good few seasons, indeed some players since the club formed the junior section at

under-9 level.

The age group has gone from strength to strength and is relishing the challenge which will be offered by the step up to youth rugby.

Training has already started, and members are currently meeting at the Boys School on Thursdays at 6pm, new/old players welcome.

Thanks go to Robert Sidoli for presenting the trophies.

Most improved player went to Jordan Lupton, Clubman to Andrew Townsend, Player of the Year (as voted for by the players), Harry Moyle.

Special awards went to the Tourist of the Year, an award to the person/s who immerse themselves in the tour ethos, Tom Moffet, Luke Booker and Calien McKinnon (another award voted for by the players, all three registering the same number of votes).

A special achievement award went to Efan Ellis who represented Wales in rugby league.

The highlight of the season was of course the tour to Ireland, but what goes on tour stays on tour so we can't tell you about that!

John, Barrie and Jay would like to say a massive thank you to the boys for their commitment.

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## Llantwit Major bowlers have that winning habit

**ON Wednesday, Llantwit played Barry Plastics in the Munro Cup, winning on three rinks, 70-52.**

Alan Gibbard's rink were always in control forging ahead from the start. With Llantwit's skip and lead having already played in the afternoon there were some tired bodies by the eighteenth end, which resulted in a six shot win.

Norman Scouse's rink had the misfortune to be up against Plastics' strongest rink, with a good lead giving the opposition a good start, but despite this Llantwit put up a good fight to lose by only four shots.

Danny Ahearne's rink started well and continued in the same vein, with the Plastics coming back to win the last four ends.

Neville Young's rink had a weak side against them, with Bert Cook getting in some good shots Plastics were always struggling; on top

of this Arthur Hayes had a bizarre shot which was more like a billiard shot, cannoning off two bowls ending up behind the jack to the amazement of all.

Rink scores - Alan Gibbard 16-10, Danny Ahearne 20-13, Norman Scouse 14-18, Neville Young 20-11.

On Saturday, Llantwit played their second league match when Cardiff West End were the visitors.

Llantwit took maximum points in a 87-65 win.

Alan Gibbard's rink were always in contention after John Ball warmed up and found the correct length to bowl, giving Llantwit its best win.

Charles Hiscock's rink surged ahead from the start, which looked odds

on for a runaway win until the final few ends when West End clawed back some shots.

Neville Young's rink were in dire trouble at the start, with West End's back end players playing with straight woods and taking Llantwit's bowls out of the head.

Then everything changed on the thirteenth end when Llantwit picked up a four to take the lead.

Changing to a long jack made the difference and Llantwit were never in trouble again.

Danny Ahearne's rink had a titanic struggle. Never in total command, they battled on to win by one shot.

Rink scores - Alan Gibbard 23-13, Charles Hiscock 24-18, Neville Young 21-16, Danny Ahearne 19-18.

## Cricket festival for Llantwit Major under-9s

**ON SUNDAY, the Llantwit Major under-9 team hosted their first festival at Windmill Lane, with three of the top Cardiff and Vale clubs visiting.**

Batting proved harder than last time and the players struggled against tight bowling and a variable pitch.

In the first game Penarth kept the Llantwit total to 209.

After a quick interval discussion Llantwit went out and showed how they can bowl and field, with some accurate bowling and enthusiastic fielding restricting Penarth to 194, winning by 15 runs.

In the second game Llantwit scored 226 against Whitchurch Heath.

Whitchurch proved more of a test, but the Llantwit players kept their cool to close the game out by 6 runs.

Game three was

## Brothers help Barry to win

**BARRY Wanderers' second team looked to keep up their fine recent run with the long trip up the valley to Blaenau.**

The home side batted first and were restricted to a paltry 101 all out. Pick of the bowling was club president Mike Ashton with 4-21, and club chairman Rob Tucker with 3-18.

Other contributors were Mark Ellis, Elwyn Toozier and Tom Ridgwell. Ellis was unlucky that after trying to take a stunning catch, he broke a finger.

Ridgwell superbly tipped one of Ashy's loose ones over the boundary for six and with Chris Barnes also

among the droppers, the target could have been lower.

Two brothers playing for Blaenau each did their stint of umpiring, and in doing so both gave each other out - dubiously lbw!

The Wanderers reply began with Chris Sanders alongside Luke Denning.

Colin Rowlands chipped in with a useful 12, Ridgwell with a supportive 18 not out and the impressive Devanka Pathak, with 47 not out, helping steer the Wanderers to a great six wicket win.

The first team were successful, also by a margin of six wickets mainly thanks to 67 not out from Ed Sherriff and a useful 24 runs from Jimmy Hassett.

## Barry's brothers in arms will compete for Wales in Japan

**BROTHERS Sensei Lee and Sempai Spencer Bennett fly to Japan later this month to represent Great Britain, Wales and The Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate Club at the World Full Contact All Japan Kyokushin Union Championships in Osaka.**

The two instructors have had their work cut out over the last six months running the club at the YMCA HUB, working full time jobs and having to fit training in up to three times a day, six days per week to be able to keep up with the standard of competition.

It is their second time in Japan in two years, as last year the same tournament was held in Okinawa, where the brothers were unlucky not to reach the later

stages. Sensei Lee will be competing in the under 67.5kg category. He commented: "Last year, after beating a South African opponent in the first round, I had a bad decision against the current world champion after an extension round. Taking sixth place wasn't my ideal result, and I am much more determined this time around, and feel much stronger than last year."

Sempai Spencer has moved up to the 67.5kg-77.5kg middle weight division, after putting on seven kilos over the year. He stated: "I was in the under-67.5kg category last year and I didn't feel at my best. I lost a lot of weight for the competition and couldn't find my feet, yet I almost knocked my Russian opponent down with a good head kick, though he came back and seemed to have a bit more strength than me towards the end of the



ABOVE: Barry's karate brothers are off to the world championships.

contest. "I went the full distance, but I thought if I was a bit heavier this year I would be able to hit with my natural weight and feel stronger."

Spencer is a second Dan black belt, is number one in Wales and also the current British Lightweight Full contact champion at under 70kgs.

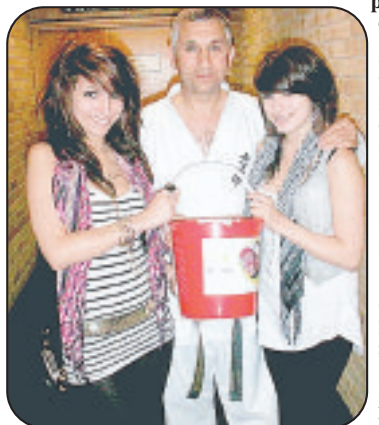
The Kyokushin Karate Duo teach and

train at Barry YMCA HUB. All instructors hold CRB checks, are first aid qualified and licensed with KSK (Kyokushin Schools of Karate), and also affiliated to the WKGB (Welsh Karate Governing Body).

For more information, contact Lee on: 07861 699476 or visit the club website at [www.rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk](http://www.rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk)

## New karate course is hailed a success

**THE 'Karate Extravaganza' Penarth Leisure Centre recent-course which took place at ly was a big success, with people attending from all over Wales.**



ABOVE: Elena Costa, Lee Costa 6th Dan and Sofia Costa with donation bucket.

There was expert tuition by top names in Welsh Karate, including British and European champions, former national coaches and the squad manager for Wales.

The instructors would like to thank everyone who turned up and helped make the course become so successful.

While the course was taking place, instructor Lee Costa's two daughters raised more than £120 from spectators for Ty Hafan, the children's hospice charity.

For more information, see website [www.karate-jutsu.org](http://www.karate-jutsu.org)



# WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE

Mr Geoff Wood – **Stoney Bank Farm, Broughton Road, Wick** – the erection of a slate roofed glass fronted link between Barn A and Barn B (both barns previously approved for residential use) at Stoney Bank Farm (previously called Westard Farm). Mr R Jones – **4 Cwrt Llanfleidian, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – Alteration and extension of dwelling to form changing room over garage. Mr and Mrs Harris – **Redlands Farm, Bonvilston** – proposed extension to existing farmhouse to form farm office and additional bedroom. Mr Hulin – **Wenove Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenove** – extension and alteration works to create a new kitchen to the north and west elevation. Tabernacle Baptist Church – **25 Clive Place, Penarth** – installation of new PVC-u white vertical box sash windows to the front of the property. Mr Julian Franks – **27 Arlington Road, Sully** – single storey rear extension. Mr and Mrs Stephens – **3 Bowmans Well, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing garage, proposed garage with shower and utility room to ground floor, additional bedroom and shower room to first floor.

Mr David Jones – **Sunny Croft, College Terrace, College Street, Llantwit Major** – two storey extension providing bathroom and store. Mr Christopher Powell – **1 Wolfe Close, Cowbridge** – two storey front extension with extended side dormer. Mr Colin Asbrey – **12/13 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys** – fell (T1) Lawsons Cypress; fell (T2) Lawsons Cypress and reduce upper crown by 1.5-2m and reduce limbs over lawn by 2-3m (T3) oak. Wordley Productions Ltd – **2 High Street, Penarth** – erection of rear extension, dormer window, balconies, new windows/doors and velux rooflights. Mr and Mrs Rosier – **Sevenoaks Fish Farm, Talygarn, Pontyclun** – permanent change of use to residential and office use. Mr Stephen Darker – **5 Robinswood Crescent, Penarth** – dismantle existing conservatory to rear of property and erect single storey flat roof extension. Mr David William – **Crackhill Motorcross, Crackhill, Colwinston** – change of use to motorcross practice track. Mr Clifford Dye – **1 Windsor Road, Penarth** – proposal to build a small extension adjoining a modern extension to the rear of the listed building,

which will serve for the installation of two new Automated Teller Machines (ATM). Mr Ken Holland-Hannen – **Flat 1, 8 Royal Buildings, Penarth** – conversion of existing monopitch roof to new terrace to rear of property to provide amenity space to first floor flat. Mrs C Freeman – **Corner House, Llyswoyney** – fell a contorted hazel. Mr Bassam Fallas – **46 Walston Road, Wenove** – addition of first floor bedroom and en-suite above existing garage. Mr Jeff Thomas – **Barry College, Colcot Road, Barry** – over-roofing and replacement of existing facade at Block A. Mr Andrew Bowen – **land at rear of Dow Corning site, Cardiff Road** – an above ground control kiosk (2m x 0.825m x 1.8 high) and vent pipe with provision for an improved access road within the existing site, located within a new palisade fenced compound. Mr Kennealy – **178 Port Road East, Barry** – proposed conservatory to rear. Mr Mathew Attanasio – **109 South Road, Sully** – to remove an existing velux window and construct a dormer window in its place. The dormer will have the same roof materials as the existing and have a gable frontage.

Fitz Project Management – **72 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – two new dormer windows into roof of existing dormer bungalow. Ms Susan Davies – **Little Mill, Cog Farm, Cog Road, Sully** – erection of freestanding garage/store to rear garden. Mr Thomas Prichard – **Argoed Isha Quarry, Llanharry** – change of use for Argoed Isha Quarry to be used as a training centre for CPCPS operator training. Mr Thomas Prichard – **Argoed Isha Quarry, Llanharry** – process existing stockpiles and loose material with crushing and screening machinery, and remove from site. Mr Wayne Jones – **21 Liscum Way, Barry** – loft conversion with dormer to rear. Mr Hugh Cory – **Homri Farm, St Nicholas** – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and new garage. Mr Mark Andrews – **Sutton Mawr, Weycock Road, Barry** – conversion of existing stables/barn to bed and breakfast accommodation and erection of wind turbine. Ms Lisa Edwards – **Keepers Cottage, 1a Grove Terrace, Penarth** – proposed entrance porch. Mr Paul Morris – **18 St Athan Road, Cowbridge** – two storey

front extension (squaring off) garage conversion to living space. Mr MJ Gardner – **Brook House, Main Avenue, Wyndham Park, Peterston-Super-Ely** – renewal of planning permission 04/00881/FUL for ground floor extension to provide additional bedroom and bathroom. Cowbridge Charter Trust – **Old Hall, Cowbridge** – maintenance and reinstatement works for the remaining length of wall between the gated entrance to the Health Centre and the Market Place Tavern. Mr Wadih Nasrallah – **rear of 14 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – demolition, rebuilding and alteration of existing Coach House to create new two storey one bedroom dwelling. Mr Philip Mathews – **The Old Rectory, St Mary Church, Cowbridge** – construction of single storey extension to form Orangery. Removal of three windows overbuilt by extension. Removal of glazed pair of doors to kitchen to be replaced with window. Mr F Coughlan, **23 White House, The Knap, Barry** – ground floor study extension to front of property, with associated alterations to roof of the property. Mr John Lean, **9 Kymyn Terrace, Penarth** – rear ground floor kitchen extension, plus conser-

vation rooflights to existing roof. Mr Alex Glanville, **15 Wick Road, Ewenny** – demolish existing garage with first floor accommodation over, provision of new chimney and dormer window to north (rear) elevation. Mr Mark Bailey, **The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Llanblethian** – renewal of previous approval for a swimming pool extension. Mr Ian Bancroft, **30 Wenove Terrace, Barry** – erection of garage to rear. Ms Thomas, **159 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front balconies, plus additional pavement crossover. Mr Leighton, **64 Cornerswell Road, Penarth** – single storey extension to the rear of the house, incorporating internal alterations/improvements. Mr N Fox and Mr M Caplan-Hill, **The Italian Shelter, The Esplanade, Penarth** – variation of condition 3 of the application 2008/1447/FUL to allow the lower terrace to remain open for the consumption of food and drink until 10.30pm. Mr and Mrs Colin Ryland, **Larkhill, Westgate, Cowbridge** – alteration and extension of existing bungalow to provide additional

accommodation at first floor level, provision of new attached garage. Mr David Powell, **41 Tyle House Close, Llanmaes** – single storey extension to rear, alterations to kitchen and garage. Mr and Mrs B Brooks, **15 Enfield Drive, Hunters Ridge, Barry** – two-storey rear extension. Miss Amanda Mill, **9 St Donats Close, Dinas Powys** – single storey extension to form study. Mrs Julie Hart, **34 Tair Onen, St Hilary, Cowbridge** – single storey extension to rear and new ramped access. Mrs Christine Lewis, **Southgate Cottage, Holmesdale Place, Penarth** – minor alterations – rooflight removed and replaced with dormer window to match existing. Mr Roger Irving, **7 Maes Y Coed, Barry** – amendment to original conservatory design 2007/0094/FUL. Mr Howard Davies, **29 Broadway, Llanblethian** – removal of existing single garage and erection of double garage. Mr Clifford Edge, **St Iltuds Church, Church Lane, Llantwit Major** – repairs to Grade 2 listed bridge by the provision of a new handrail, new surface in resin bonded gravel, disabled access ramp. Mr Gregory Kingdon, **rear of 32 Barry Road,**

**Barry** – lawful development certificate for use of the garage as a one or two car repair facility. Mr David Illman, **The Scout Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry** – new scout hall. Mr B Walpole, **15 Bron Awelon, Barry** – new porch to side of dwelling, incorporating alterations to existing outside toilet. Remove side chimney stack and insert new side elevation window. Mrs Barbara Whitehouse, **field adjacent to Winchfield House, Craig Penllyn, near Cowbridge** – create a path (approx 784 metres long) around the perimeter of the Winchfield. Mr Phil James, **White Bungalow, Barry Road, Dinas Powys** – replacement dwelling and detached garage to rear. Tesco Stores, **57 Holton Road, Barry** – variation of condition 6 of application 2008/00365/FUL – to allow for deliveries, loading, unloading or servicing on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 7am-11pm, in addition to allowing deliveries between 7am-10pm from Monday to Saturday.



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## WAMA fighters head for the Dublin World Championships



ABOVE:

Included in the picture with instructors Richard Owen and Chris Page are: Assistant Instructor Jenny Whinney, Rhys Harding, Zoe Peters, Alex Peters, Connor Bright, Morgan Jenkins, Jamie Jenkins, Connor Grant, and Hannah Harvey.

**STUDENTS of the Welsh Academy of Martial Arts qualified to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming World Karate and Kickboxing Council's World Championships which are taking place in Dublin in October this year.**

WAMA has produced world-class fighters for more than 20 years.

The results were as follows: **First place and Welsh title holders – semi contact section:** Connor Grant

(seven), a pupil at Holton Road Primary School; Morgan Jenkins (six) from Llancahle, who attends Ysgol Saint Curig; Connor Bright (eight) who attends Ysgol Saint Baruc; Hannah Harvey (12) from Barry who goes to Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School; Jenny Whinney (18) from Penarth.

**First place and Welsh Title Holders –**

**light contact section:** Jamie Jenkins (four)

from Llancahle, a pupil at Ysgol Saint Curig; Morgan Jenkins (six) from Llancahle, who attends Ysgol Saint Curig; Connor Bright (eight) attends Holton Road Primary School; Rhys Harding (11) from Barry a pupil at Ysgol Saint Baruc; Hannah Harvey 12 years of age from Barry; Alex Peters (14) from Barry,

a pupil at St Richard Gwyn Roman Catholic School; and Jenny Whinney (18) from Penarth.

**Silver and Bronze Medallists:** Jamie Jenkins, silver – semi contact; Connor Grant, silver light contact; Rhys Harding, silver – semi contact; Zoe Peters, silver – semi contact; Rhys (11) from Barry attends St Richard Gwyn Roman

Catholic School; Lauren Kelly, bronze – 13 years of age, from Barry attends St Richard Gwyn Roman Catholic School.

For further information, come along to Cadoxton Sports Hall on a Monday and Friday; Colcot Sports Centre on Thursday, – little ninjas: 6pm-7pm and seniors 7pm-8pm.

## AM asks: Why do more men than women pass their driving test?

**PLAID CYMRU regional AM Chris Franks has asked the Driving Standards Agency to explain why male learners have a higher pass rate than women L-drivers at almost every test centre in Wales, including Barry.**

Information supplied to the South Wales Central AM by the DSA reveals the all-Wales pass rate for men is 50.52 per cent – while it is 47.4 per

cent among women. The pass rate among women drivers from the Barry Test Centre was 46.1 per cent, compared to 51.5 per cent for men, during the year to March 31.

A total of 1,307 men were tested in Barry compared to 1,195 women.

The average pass rate for both men and women was 48.9 per cent – slightly up on the previous 12 months.

Mr Franks has now written to DSA chief executive Rosemary Thew seeking information on the discrepancies

between male and female pass rates and between different test centres in Wales.

He said: "I was surprised that the pass rate for men is higher than for women at almost every test centre in Wales including the Barry centre, so I've written to the DSA chief executive for an explanation."

"One of the many reasons could be that the vast majority of driving examiners in Wales are men, but we just don't know, so that's why I'm asking the question".

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**Dock View Road junction with Thompson Street, Barry** – ongoing temporary traffic signals. **Sully Road, between Penarth and Sully (near Ashgrove School)** – ongoing intermittent traffic control to allow construction of new access.

**High Street, Cowbridge (near Town Hall)** – narrow lanes in operation to allow improvements to bus stop.

**Gileston Road, St Athan** – temporary traffic signals near site of former Methodist church, to allow installation of new water main. **B4267 Lavernock Road, Penarth near Brockhill Rise** – inter-

mittent temporary off-peak traffic signals until July 15, for essential water works.

**A4055 Cardiff Road between Dinas Powys and Barry** – temporary traffic signals in operation over the next few weeks, while repairs are undertaken to a landslide. Motorists are advised to use an alternative route during peak hours.

**VICTORIAN FAYRE**  
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## Rain is no problem as young swimmers set personal bests

ON a very wet weekend at the beginning of June, a number of swimmers from the Barry Amateur Swimming club braved the weather to take part in the south-east Wales regional junior development meet in Newport.

This was for many the first time they had swum in such an event and it is seen as being the first stage in obtaining a recognised time.

The event saw an increase of some 200 swimmers over last year, meaning that there were more than 350 swimmers taking part on each day.

Members of the Barry team produced many personal best times for their individual events and were consistently in the top half of all the swimmers in their

respective age groups.

The swimmers taking part were Seren Mirza-Davies (aged eight) who had an excellent day finishing in the top six in all her events with an impressive 3rd place in her 25M butterfly with a time of 22.89.

Elizabeth McCulloch (aged nine) achieved a number of personal bests, knocking off 16 seconds in the 100M individual medley in a time of 1.51.

Anna Mirza-Davies (11 years old) pulled out all the stops in her 200M freestyle event to produce a time of 2.59, a personal best by some 49 seconds!

The boys, not wishing to be outdone by the girls, produced some inspired swimming. New club member Rhys James (aged eight) produced a first class set of results including a 3rd place in his 25M backstroke with a time of

20.53.

Declan Ewington (aged eight) secured a number of personal bests, shaving 10 seconds off his previous time for the 100M individual medley in a time of 1.58.

Sam Smith (aged nine) showed a terrific 25M butterfly result of 23.74, shaving off six seconds from his previous best.

The 11-12 year age group was represented by new club member Tristan Cuer achieving personal best times in all five events, winning the 100M breaststroke in a time of 1.33.88 and gaining a well deserved bronze medal for the overall meet in this age group. Well done Tristan.

All swimmers should feel extremely proud of their achievements, special thanks go to Denise Cuer who stood in as club coach for the meet at short notice.

HELEN MCCULLOCH

## 'Rusty rackets' promise to teach you how to play tennis this year

**BARRY TENNIS CLUB** is serving up an extended season of its 'rusty rackets' programme to encourage everyone to have a go at the game during the

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Barry Tennis Club is part of Barry Athletic Club at Paget Road, on Barry Island. Members

can enjoy year-round tennis with its four all weather courts.

Commenting on the effort to get more people to enjoy tennis, club chairman Harry Emery said: "Whatever your ability, tennis is a great sport for all to enjoy, to keep fit and make new friends."

For further details about Barry Tennis Club please call 01446 412352, e mail: barrytennis@ntlworld.com or visit the club's web site at [www.barrytennis.co.uk](http://www.barrytennis.co.uk).

## Brynhill's 'member and guest' golf day winners



ON a beautiful sunny day, Brynhill's first tee was busy from 8am through to 3.30pm, with a full entry on its 'member and guest day'.

The winners were Darryl Hewitson (far right) and John Mowat (far left) being presented with their prizes by club captain Colin Lloyd and club pro Duncan Prior.

# GEM sport

## ATHLETIC UNDER-9 CRICKETERS WIN SULLY TOURNAMENT

**RIGHT:** The successful Barry Athletic under-9s cricket team: Back row L-R: Joel Merrick, Daniel Barnett, Sion Spence, Evan Wells, Ruben Fahiya and Laurence Walpole. Front row L-R: Saul Robertson, Calvin Fahiya, Sam Hopkins, Rhys Woolmer, and Raheel Razaq.



**LAST Sunday saw Barry Athletic under-9s play in their first cricket tournament of the season.**

The four sides involved were Barry, Sully, the Vale and the hosts Penarth Cricket Club.

With lots of training behind them, the Barry youngsters had a very successful day, winning all three matches.

There was some great bowling displays especially from Calvin Fahey, Joel Merrick and Sam Hopkins, who all got three wickets and bowled great

lines.

The fielding to support the bowling was also excellent with some fine stops by Reuben Fahey, Sion Spence and Rhys Woolmer, the players throwing themselves around the field on every occasion.

Further mentions have to go to newcomers Lawrence, Raheel, Saul and Dan as they showed great commitment and attitude on their first time out in the middle.

There were good batting displays by Joel, Evan and Calvin, and an exceptional last game

batting display by Sam Hopkins scoring 15 runs (including three boundaries) in the final game against Sully.

The 'man of the match' award was a very close call between Evan, Joel and Sam.

The award went to Evan Wells who took three wickets, scored boundaries and set a great example in the field.

A big thank you goes to 'Count on Us' for sponsoring the side with club shirts this year.

Darren Wells

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